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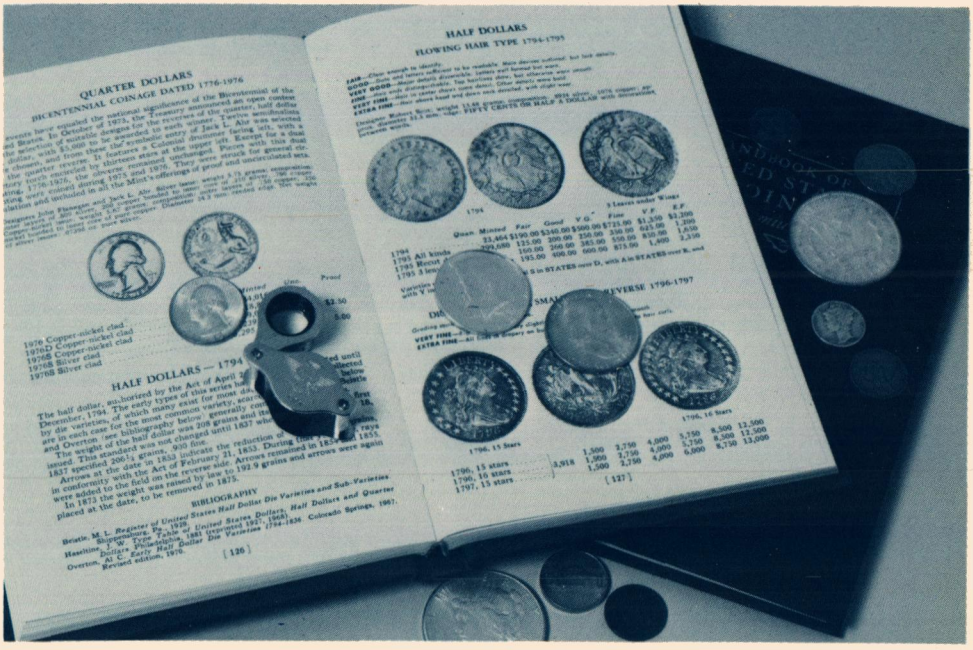

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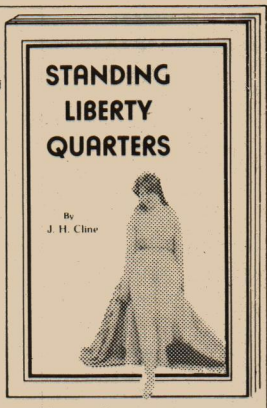

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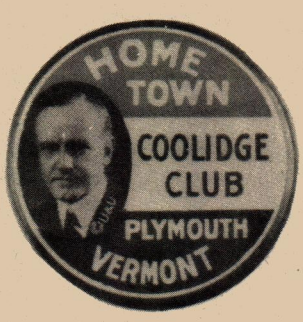

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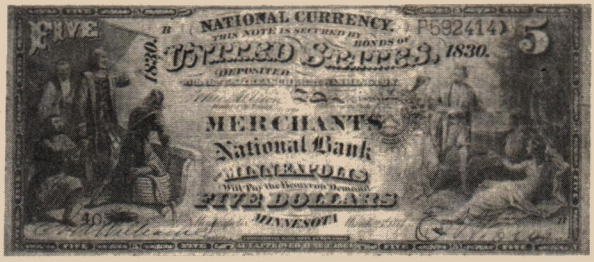

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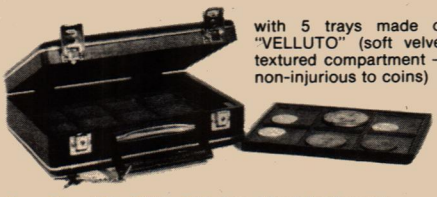

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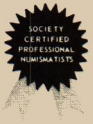

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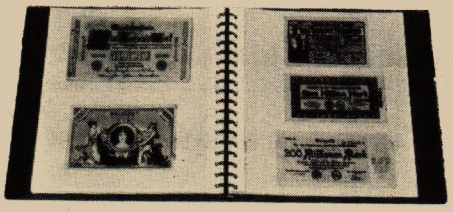

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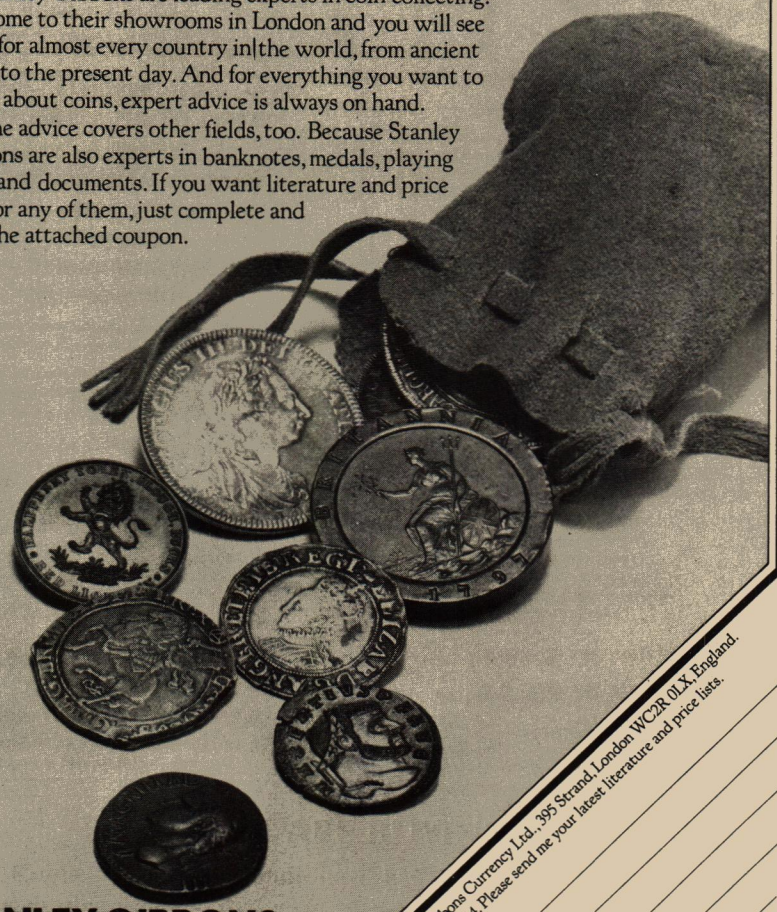

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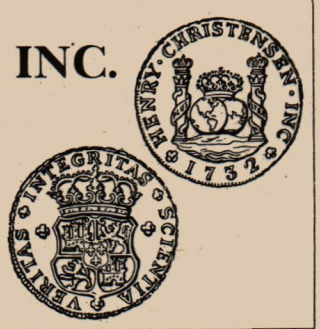

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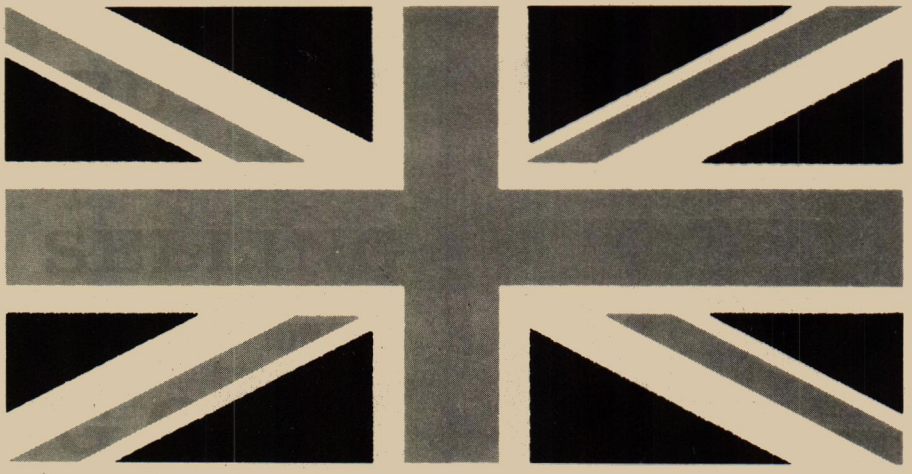

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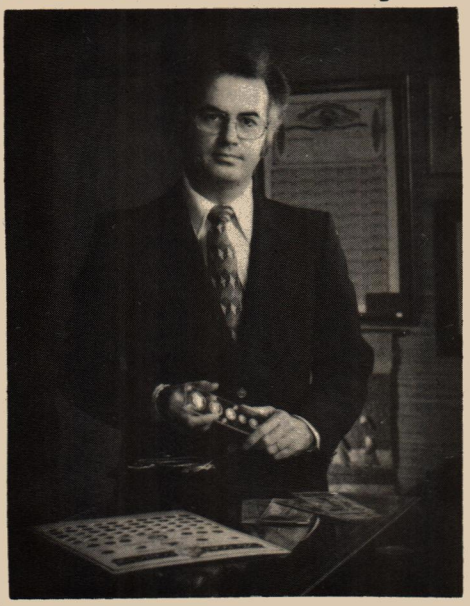

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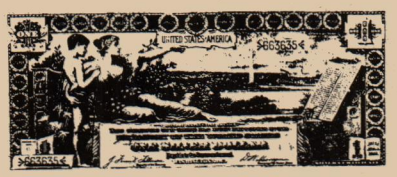

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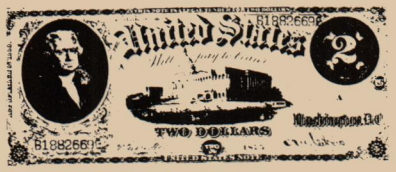

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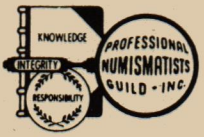

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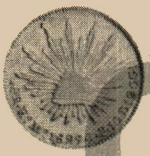

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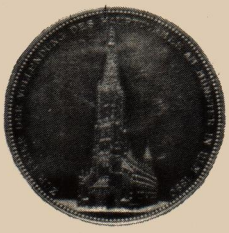

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Douglas W. Weaver, Executive Secretary of the Professional Numismatists Guild, recently received the following unsolicited letter from William J. Goetz of Astoria, New York. Believing that Mr. Goetz' comments are worth sharing, we requested his permission to reprint his letter, which he granted. The letter follows:

Dear Mr. Weaver,

I recently read the Professional Numismatists Guild's advertisement in Coin World. I would like to have a membership directory of PNG dealers which the advertisement states is available free on request.

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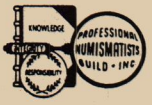

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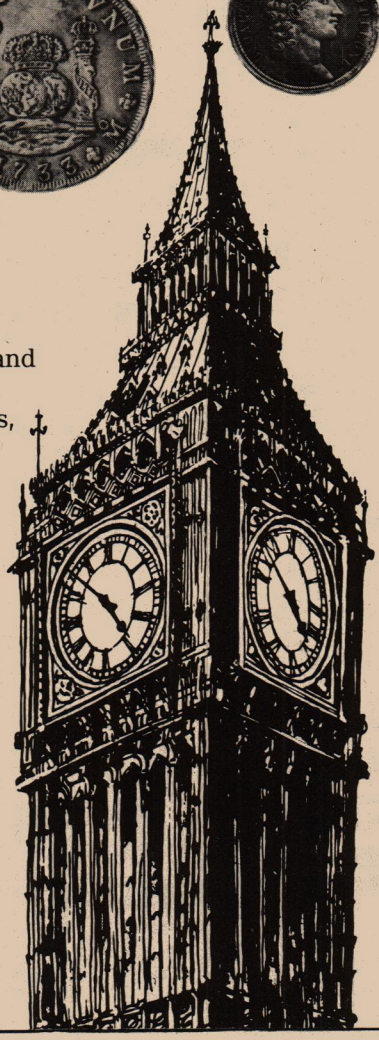

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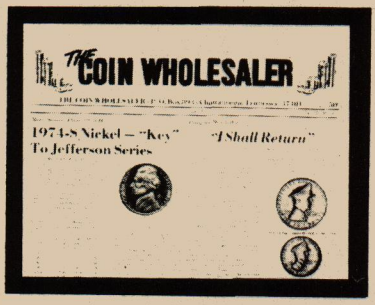

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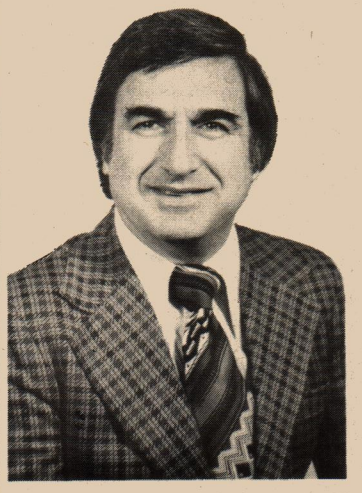

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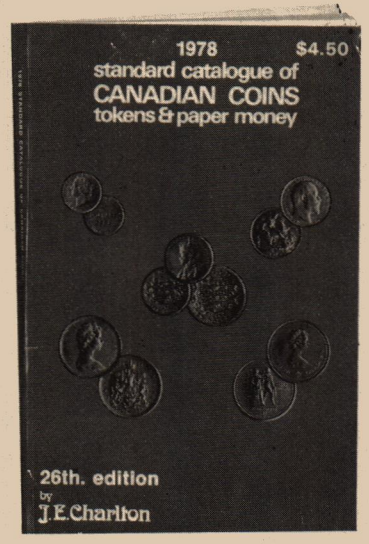

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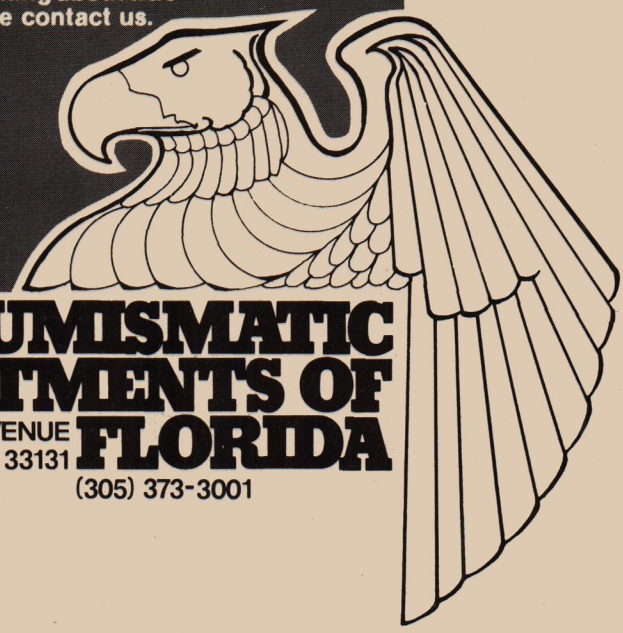

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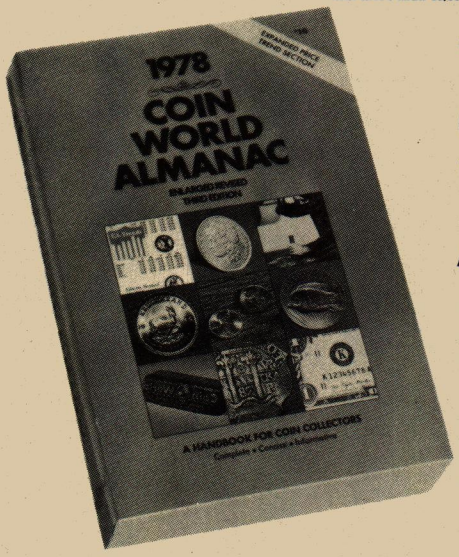

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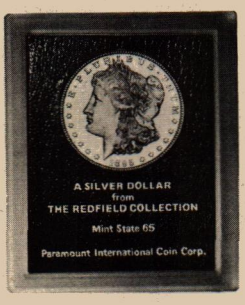

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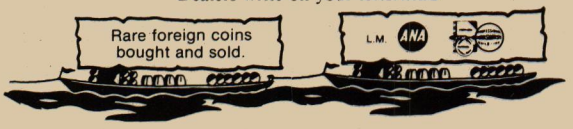

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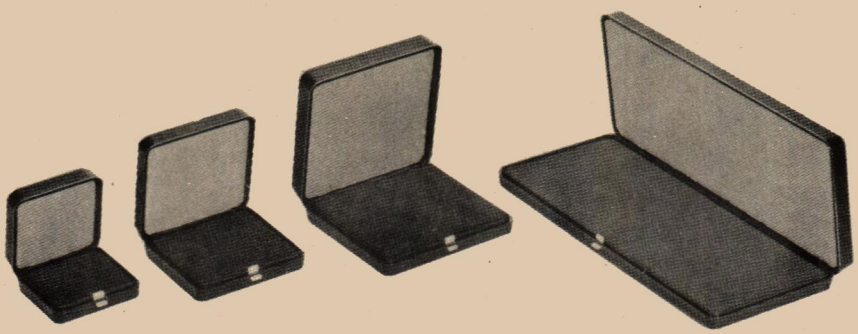

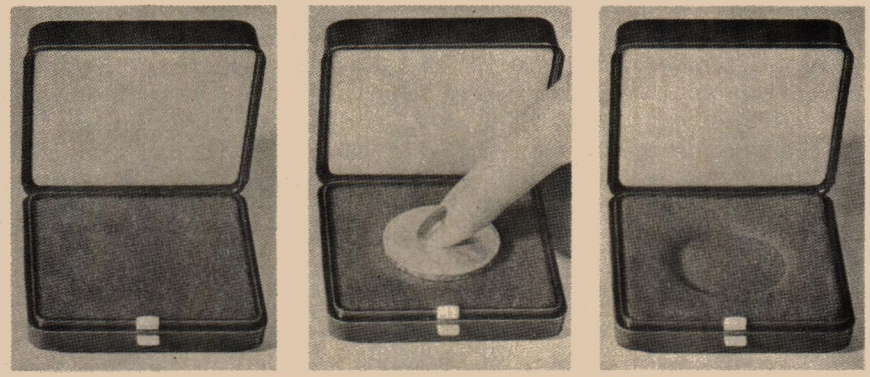

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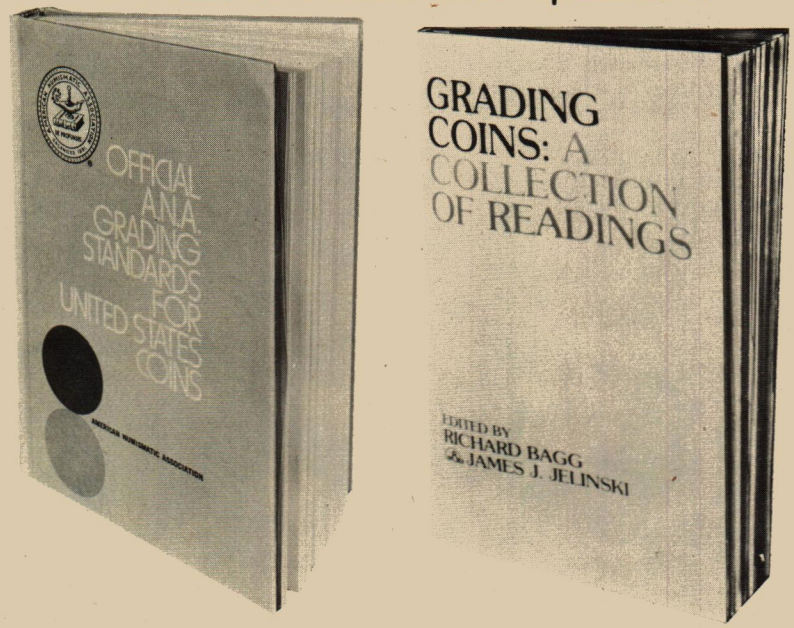

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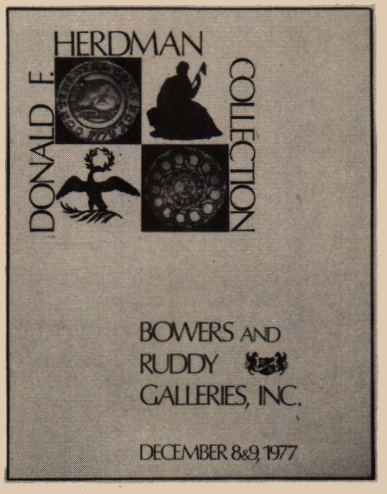

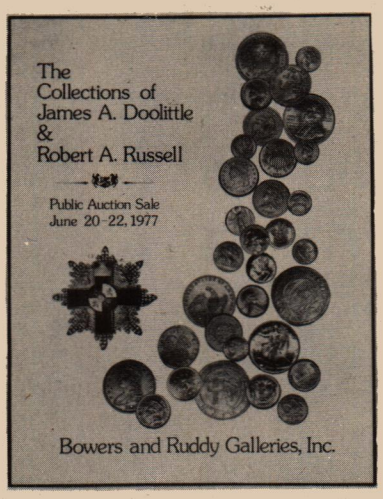

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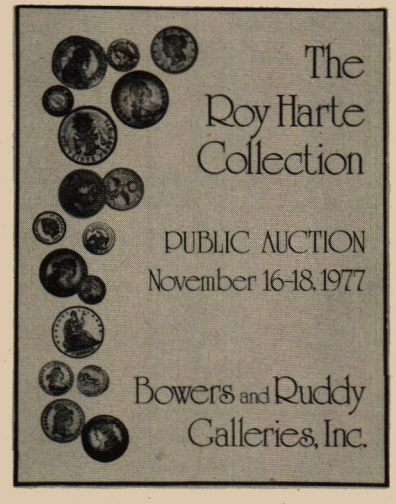

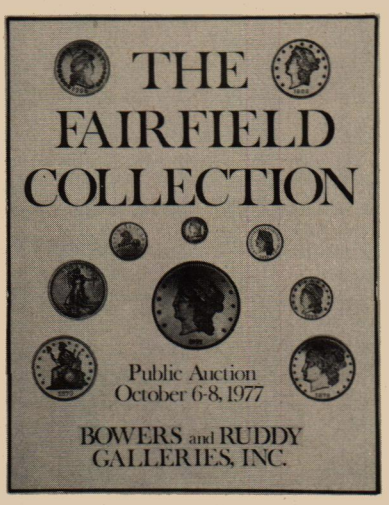

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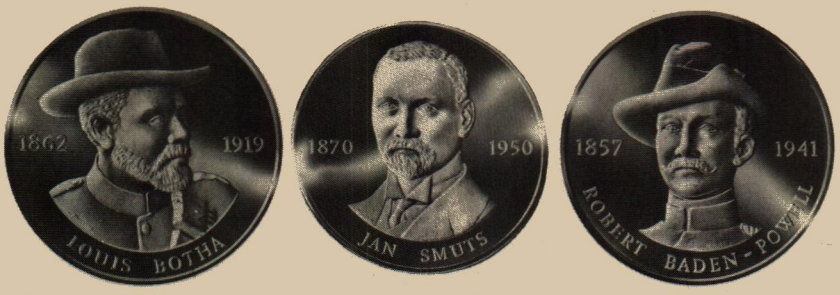
Commemoratives Issued Honoring Generals of the Anglo-Boer War



To mark the 75th anniversary of the conclusion of the South African War in 1902, the South African Historical Mint, based in Cape Town, has made dies for a set of twelve silver medals commemorating the most famous British and Boer generals. Included in this collection are Generals Smuts, de la Rey, French, de Wet, Hertzog, Roberts, Botha, Baden-Powell, de Villebois-Mareuil, Buller, Cronje and Kitchener.

The medal sets, limited to 5,000 world-wide, are to be struck in sterling silver. Each medal will be hallmarked and sets will be accompanied by a certificate from the minters testifying to the silver content and the limitation of the issue. A further very limited number will be struck in 18 kt. gold. The first set is to be presented to the Curator of the Africana Museum, Johannesburg, for inclusion in their commemorative medal collection.

Based on historical photographs, the designs for the medals were created by Cape Town artist and sculptor Nico Verboom. He was chosen earlier this year to design the now-rare *Birkenhead* commemorative medal. Other works by Verboom are on permanent display in the Rembrandt Collection and in the South African National Gallery.

Accompanying this collection will be a book on the twelve generals. This will be illustrated with numerous rare photographs as well as drawings especially commissioned for this work. The book was researched by South African journalist Philip Bateman and will be published under the auspices of the South African Historical Mint's Research Department.

Because of the craftsmanship behind the making of proof medals such as these, it has not been possible to issue all twelve simultaneously. The Generals of the Anglo-Boer War medals are to be issued one a month until the set is complete.

Further information is available from: The Directors, South African Historical Mint, P.O. Box 4142, Cape Town 8000, South Africa.

membership report

Applications R-95247 through J-95460 and LM-2170 through LM-2173, as published in the February issue, have been accepted for membership.

The following applications were received in February, 1978. If no objections are filed prior to May 1, 1978, these applicants will become members on that date and notice to this effect will appear in the June, 1978, issue.

We suggest that new members of ANA consider dealing only with professional numismatists who, themselves, are ANA members.

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R-95700 **Jim McGee,** 1089 Greco Wy., Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Patsy Lindmark

R-95701 **Henry C. Schaefer,** 1523 Dewey Ave., N. Bellmore, NY 11710. James Selfridge, Sylvia Haffner

23-25 DAYTONA BEACH, FL. Plaza of Daytona Beach, 600 N. Atlantic Ave. (Route A-1-A). The Greater Daytona Beach Coin Club Convention. Lawrence A. Nilson, P.O. Box 3031, Ormond Beach, FL 32074.

JULY

15-16 HOUSTON, TX. Holiday Inn-Airport, 3702 North Belt East. Northline Coin Club 11th Annual Coin Show. Alma Hurby, P.O. Box 11748, Houston, TX 77016.

WEST

APRIL

8-9 EUREKA, CA. Redwood Acres Fairgrounds. 12th Annual Coin Show of the Eureka Coin Club. Harry Dixon, P.O. Box 505, Eureka, CA 95501.

15-16 BELLINGHAM, WA. Eagle's Hall, 1125 N. Forest. Bellingham Coin Club's 8th Annual Coin and Stamp Show. Juanita McKeown, P.O. Box 124, Bellingham, WA 98225.

PUEBLO, CO. Holiday Inn, 4001 N. Elizabeth and I-25. Pueblo Coin Club 15th Annual Coin Show. Maurice Ostby, P.O. Box 11586, Pueblo, CO 81001.

16 VENTURA, CA. Holiday Inn, 450 E. Harbor Blvd. Spring Show sponsored by the Ventura County Coin Club. Don Holladay, P.O. Box 3263, Ventura, CA 93003.

21-23 SAN FRANCISCO, CA. Jack Tar Hotel, Van Ness at Geary. 62nd Semi-Annual Convention and Coin Show of the California State Numismatic Assn. sponsored by the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. George Russell, P.O. Box 943, Santa Monica, CA 90406.

22-23 ROSWELL, NM. Roswell Inn, 1815 N. Main. Second Annual Coin Show of the Roswell Coin Club. Charles M. Martin III, P.O. Box 1675, Roswell, NM 88201.

27-30 LOS ANGELES, CA. Airport Park Hotel. Society for International Numismatics Sixth Annual Convention and Coin Show. James Betton, P.O. Box 943, Santa Monica, CA 90406.

28 NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. Sportsman's Lodge. 5th Annual Israel Holyland Expo sponsored by the Israel Numismatic Societies of the San Gabriel Valley and Los Angeles. Murray Singer, 122 N. Detroit St., Los Angeles, CA 90036.

28-30 OGDEN, UT. Holiday Inn, 33rd and Washington Blvd. Ogden Coin Club's 6th Annual Northern Utah Coin Show. L.E. Gibson, P.O. Box 1175, Ogden, UT 84402.

MAY

1 VALLEJO, CA. Dan Foley Cultural Center. Sixth Annual Coin Show of the Vallejo Numismatic Society. Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, CA 94590.

19-21 DENVER, CO. Landmark Inn (formerly the Ramada Inn), South Colorado Blvd. Colorado-Wyoming Numismatic Assn. Spring Show. Ed Young, Box 533, Englewood, CO 80110.

JUNE

3-4 CARMEL, CA. Holiday Inn, Highway 1 and Rio Road. Monterey Peninsula Coin Club 5th Annual Show. Gordon D. Rammer, 1360 Josselyn Cyn. Rd. No. 18, Monterey, CA 93940.

FOREIGN

APRIL

8-9 VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA. Oakridge Shopping Center. Annual Coin Show of the Vancouver Numismatic Society. John de Angeli, c/o VNS, P.O. Box 67737, Postal Station O, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V5W 3V2.

20-22 MEXICO CITY, MEXICO. Maria Isabel Sheraton Hotel, Paseo de la Reforma No. 325. Annual convention of the Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico, A.C. SNM, Eugenia 13 Desp. 301, Mexico 18 D.F., Mexico.

29-30 ST-HYACINTHE, QUEBEC, CANADA. Arena de la Providence, 605 Boulevard Laflamme. Sixteenth Great Annual Exhibition. Denis Marcil, Box 255, St-Hyacinthe, Quebec Canada J2S 7B6.

MAY

19-21 NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA. The Coach House, 711 Lillooet Rd. Pacific Northwest Numismatic Assn. 1978 Convention. PNNA, P.O. Box 86241, North Vancouver, B.C. Canada V7L 4J8.

27-28 OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA. R.A. Centre, Riverside Drive. City of Ottawa Coin Show. COCC, P.O. Box 6094, Stn. "J", Ottawa, Canada, K2A 1T2.

JUNE

2-4 VINELAND, ONTARIO, CANADA. Prudhommes Garden Centre. 16th Annual Convention of the Ontario Numismatic Association. St. Catherines Coin, P.O. Box 1492, St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada.

FUTURE ANA CONVENTIONS

JULY

9-15 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. Colorado College. Annual Summer Seminar. ANA Headquarters, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

AUGUST

21-26 HOUSTON, TX. 87th Anniversary Convention. Astro-World Hotels. General Chairman: Mrs. Chris Johns, P.O. Box 90156, Houston, TX 77090.

14-19 1979 ST LOUIS, MO. 88th Anniversary Convention. Chase Park-Plaza Hotel. General Chairman: Bernice F. Stevenson, 19 Roclare Lane, St. Louis, MO 63131.

19-24 1980 CINCINNATI, OH. 89th Anniversary Convention. Stouffer's Cincinnati Towers. General Chairman to be announced.

25-30 HONOLULU, HI. 90th Anniversary Convention. Hilton Hawaiian Village. General Chairman to be announced.

1981

11 SYRACUSE, NY. Sheraton Motor Inn, Electronics Pkwy. and Seventh North Street at Exit 37 of the New York State Thruway. Monthly coin show of the Onondaga Numismatic Assn. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Circle West, Clay, NY 13041.

JULY

9 SYRACUSE, NY. Sheraton Motor Inn, Electronics Pkwy. and Seventh North Street at Exit 37 of the New York State Thruway. Monthly coin show of the Onondaga Numismatic Assn. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Circle West, Clay, NY 13041.

CENTRAL

APRIL

9 FOSTORIA, OH. Fellowship Hall, Buckeye Mart Plaza, Route 199 N. 14th Annual Coin Show of the Fostoria Coin Club. Ed Babb, 11787 W. Twp. 112, Fostoria, OH 44830.

ROCKFORD, IL. Hoffman House-Ramada Inn, 7550 East State Street. Rockford Area Coin Club's 43rd Semi-Annual Coin Show. John Peterson, P.O. Box 1974, Rockford, IL 61110.

WILLOWICK, OH. Willowick Community Center, 321 E. 314th St. 13th Annual Willowick Coin Club Show. WCC, P.O. Box 129, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

16 DAYTON, OH. Charity Grange Hall, Grange Hall and Dayton-Xenia (old Rt. 35) Roads. Spring Show of the Greene County Coin Club. Bill Wynn, P.O. Box 63, Xenia, OH 45385.

DUBUQUE, IA. Julien Motor Inn, 200 Main Street. Key City Coin Club Annual Coin Show. KCCC, P.O. Box 1274, Dubuque, IA 52001.

22-23 FORT MADISON, IA. Sacred Heart Hall, 2208 Ave. I. Fort Madison Coin Club Spring Hobby Show. Daniel Gabel, Jr., 18 Oak Drive, Ft. Madison, IA 52627.

LEAVENWORTH, KS. Buffalo Bill Community Room, 207 Delaware Street. 13th Annual Coin Show of the Leavenworth Numismatic Club. Fred M. Biastock, P.O. Box 305, Leavenworth, KS 66048.

23 OWATONNA, MN. V.F.W. Club at the Oakdale Shopping Center, Highway 65 South across from the Cedar Mall. Annual Coin and Stamp Show of the Owatonna Coin and Stamp Club. OCSC, Route 4 Box 299, Owatonna, MN 55060.

30 DEFIANCE, OH. Defiance Jr. High School cafeteria. Annual Coin Show of the Defiance Coin Club. Larry White, Box 85, Liberty Center, OH 43532.

SKOKIE, IL. Holiday Inn, 5300 W. Touhy. Annual Spring Coin Festival of the Morton Grove Coin Club. Lou Goldstein, P.O. Box 43, Morton Grove, IL 60053.

MAY

6-7 TROY, MI. Oakland Mall, I-75 and 14 Mile Road. Royal Oak Coin Club Coin Show and Bourse. Geroge Zito, P.O. Box 445, Royal Oak, MI 48068.

12-14 ST. LOUIS, MO. Chase-Park Plaza Hotel, 212 N. Kings Highway. Central States Numismatic Society 39th Anniversary Convention. Mrs. John S. Stevenson, 19 Roclare Lane, St. Louis, MO 63131.

JUNE

2-5 MEMPHIS, TN. Holiday Inn-Rivermont. Memphis Coin Club's International Paper Money Show. Mike Crabb, P.O. Box 17871, Memphis, TN 38117.

16-18 INDIANAPOLIS, IN. Stouffer's Inn, 2820 N. Meridian. 20th Annual Coin Show and Convention of the Indiana State Numismatic Association, sponsored by the Indianapolis Coin Club. ISNA, P.O. Box 241, c/o Martin, Logansport, IN 46947.

17-18 KALAMAZOO, MI. Hilton Inn-Kalamazoo Center, 100 W. Michigan Ave. Michigan State Numismatic Society's 22nd Annual Spring Convention and Coin Show, co-hosted by the Holland Coin Club and the Kalamazoo Numismatic Club. Charles A. Fenwick, 1126 Reycraft Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49001 or Phillip Chilcote, 2602 B Riverview Dr., Apt. 8, North Muskegon, MI 49445.

JULY

28-30 PADUCAH, KY. Jaycee Civic Center, 2701 Park Ave. Western Kentucky Coin Club Show. Warren Farr, P.O. Box 1537, Paducah, KY 42001.

SOUTH

APRIL

14-16 DALLAS, TX. Fairmont Hotel. 20th Annual Texas Numismatic Association Convention hosted by the Dallas Coin Club. C.C. Andrews, P.O. Box 7673, Dallas, TX 75209.

29-30 GREENSBORO, NC. Friendly Shopping Center Auditorium, 3110 Kathleen Avenue. Greensboro Coin Club Annual Show. Bobby Daves, P.O. Box 20623, Greensboro, NC 27420.

LAWTON, OK. Gateway Sandpiper Inn, 2202 Hwy. 277 North. Annual Coin and Stamp Show sponsored by the Comanche County Coin Club. Grady Leatherwood, Box 5551, Lawton, OK 73504.

MAY

20-21 LAFAYETTE, GA. LaFayette Municipal Park Recreation Center. 16th Annual Coin Show of the LaFayette Coin and Stamp Club. Louis Arden, LCC, P.O. Box 189, LaFayette, GA 30728.

JUNE

10-11 RALEIGH, NC. Kerr Scott Bldg. at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds. Raleigh Coin Club's 5th Annual Coin and Stamp Show. Halbert Carmichael, Box 18801, Raleigh, NC 27609.

17-18 DALLAS, TX. Sheraton Inn, Dallas Northeast, LBJ Freeway (I-635) at Jupiter Road. Annual Coin Show of the Garland Coin Club. Billy D. Gilbreath, P.O. Box 401303, Garland, TX 75040.

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EAST

APRIL

8-9 **BANGOR, ME. Ramada Inn, Odlin Road. Spring Coin and Stamp Show of the Pine Tree Coin Club, Inc. S.C. Buck, Davenport St., Milford, ME 04661.**

POTTSTOWN, PA. Holiday Inn, Route 100 and King Street. Central Pennsylvania Numismatic Association Annual Coin Show. Chester Hoover, P.O. Box 555, Reading, PA 19603.

WINCHESTER, VA. Duff's Rebel Restaurant, Pagoda Room, Route 50 East. Shenandoah Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show. W.P. Massey, Jr., Yellow Spring, WV 26865.

9 **ERIE, PA. Perry Highway Hose Co., Rt. 19, 1/2 mile south of I-90. 19th Semi-Annual Coin and Stamp Show of the Lawrence Park Coin Club. June Skinner, 1115 East Lake Road, Erie, PA 16507.**

SYRACUSE, NY. Sheraton Motor Inn, Electronics Pkwy. and Seventh North Street at Exit 37 of the New York State Thruway. Monthly coin show of the Onondaga Numismatic Assn. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Circle West, Clay, NY 13041.

15 **ELLSWORTH, ME. Ellsworth City Hall Auditorium, State Street. 1st Annual Trading Session of the Maine Numismatic Society. Peter Jordan, Pond Avenue, Ellsworth, ME 14605.**

15-16 **PIKESVILLE, MD. Baltimore Hilton Inn at the Baltimore Beltway, Route 695, Exit 20, and Reisterstown Road, Route 140. 6th Annual Convention and Show of the Maryland State Numismatic Assn. William A. Lenz, P.O. Box 6533, Sparrows Point, MD 21219.**

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY. Mid-Hudson Civic Center. Annual Coin and Stamp Show of the Mid-Hudson Coin Club. Kenneth Gackstatter, P.O. Box 3344, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

ROANOKE, VA. Tanglewood Mall Shopping Center, Routes 419 and 220 S., Emmett Yonce, P.O. Box 6182, Roanoke, VA 24017.

16 **HAZLETON, PA. Gus Genetti's Lodge, Route 309 North. 17th Annual Coin Show of the Anthracite Coin Club. J.J. Kanes, 669 McKinley St., Hazleton, PA 18201.**

22 **ELIZABETHTOWN, PA. Trading Post Center, 451 W. High Street. Conewago Coin Club's 4th Annual Coin Show. John Hungler, 423 N. Locust Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.**

29-30 **CUMBERLAND, MD. Fort Cumberland Hotel, downtown. Western Maryland Coin Club Annual Coin Show. George Waingold, P.O. Box 3217, La Vale, MD 21502.**

30 **BALTIMORE, MD. American Legion Hall of Parkville Putty Hill and Old Harford Roads. Associated Coin Clubs of Baltimore Spring Show. Donald Graham, 5608 Tramore Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21214.**

MAY

4-7 **NEW YORK CITY, NY. New York Sheraton Hotel, 56th Street and 7th Avenue. Sixth Annual Greater New York Coin Convention Ltd. held simultaneously with the American Israel Numismatic Association, Inc. Jack Garfield, P.O. Box 499, Fresh Meadow Station, Flushing, NY 11365.**

7 **ALBANY, NY. Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Exit. Monthly coin show of the Capital District Coin Dealers Assn. Joseph F. Marcelli, 28 Locust Ave., Troy, NY 12180.**

KENILWORTH, NJ. Holiday Inn, Boulevard and 31st St. S., off Exit 138 of the Garden State Parkway. Middlesex County Coin Club 19th Annual Convention. Ken Morrison, 57 Ethel St., Metuchen, NJ 08840.

PETERSBURG, VA. Ramada Inn, off Exit 3 of I-95. Southside Virginia Numismatic Association Coin and Stamp Show. Gerald Perry, 1105 Terrace Ave., Hopewell, VA 23860.

7-8 **SHIPPENSBURG, PA. Community Center, North Fayette St. Exit 9 of Interstate 81. 15th Annual Coin Show of the Shippensburg Coin Club. SCC, P.O. Box 165, Shippensburg, PA 17257.**

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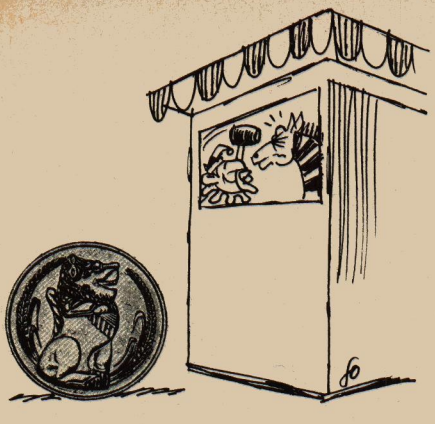

from $8.95 to $7.50, depending upon the number obtained in any one order. The firm may be reached at: Johnson & Jenson, P.O. Box 1085, Danbury, CT 06810.

Stack's Announced as Auctioneer of Greater New York '78 Show

The numismatic firm of Stack's of New York, has been named official convention auctioneer for the Greater New York Coin Convention held in conjunction with the American Israel Numismatic Association. The Convention will be held on May 4-7, 1978 at the New York Sheraton Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 56th Street. The announcement was made jointly by Morris Bram, president of AINA and Ben Stack for Stack's Coin Co., 123 West 57 Street, N.Y.C.

Seaby Appoints Sear as Consultant

Seaby Publications Limited has appointed David R. Sear as a numismatic writer and consultant for a period of five years. David Sear is well known among collectors as an expert in ancient numismatics and particularly through his books on Roman and Byzantine coins.

His engagement is to strengthen the Seaby Publications team in bringing up-to-date the series of volumes on Roman Silver Coins and to write the fifth and last volume in the series. Part One of his new *Greek Coins and Their Values* will be published in 1978 and Part Two in 1979. Another major manuscript will be on *Greek Imperial Coins,* the local issues of the Greek and Roman mints from the First to the Third Centuries A.D.

Mr. Sear joined the staff of Seaby in 1958 and became Head of the Ancient Coin Department there on the death of Lt. Col. J. Kozolubski in 1964. He left in 1973 to devote more time to writing.

Seaby spokesman Frank Purvey says: "Ancient coins are still one of the most popular fields of collecting, and I regard David Sear's appointment as a most important step in maintaining the high quality of our existing books and in extending our publications program."

In Remembrance

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Widely known numismatic exhibitor and promoter Roger Storm, 76, succumbed in a New York restaurant on February 27th to an apparent heart attack while on a trip to the city to attend the Metropolitan Opera. As he had been actively engaged in his real estate/insurance business the previous few days in Glen Cove, N.Y., the death came as a complete surprise to his son, Jackson, who was there at the time of his death.

An active participant in numismatics for a quarter century who was named Numismatic Ambassador of 1975 by *Numismatic News,* Storm's main interest was in obsolete currency, especially U.S. fractional notes and U.S. colonial coinage. Along with serving on the board of governors of the Great Eastern Numismatic Association and the Society of Paper Money Collectors, he was also a member of the Long Island Coin Club, New York Numismatic Club, Bronx Coin Club and the Society of Medallists. In addition, Storm served as tours chairman of the 1976 ANA Convention in New York City at which his son acted as general chairman.

Mr. Storm's funeral took place March 3rd at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Glen Cove, followed by interment in the Zion Churchyard in Douglaston, N.Y.

It was also announced that Mrs. Stella Hackel, Director of the Mint, had informed the Society of her approval for Frank Gasparro, Chief Engraver of the U. S. Mint in Philadelphia, to serve as designer and sculptor for the first national medal. The Society has named the Washington-based firm of Commemorative Marketing & Communications Consultants, Inc. as its exclusive administrator and marketing agent for the program.

The U. S. Capitol Historical Society was chartered in 1962 to undertake scholarly research relating to the activities and members of the Congress of the United States and to promote citizen study of the Constitution of the United States. In carrying out its mandate of the Congress to serve as the agent for certain informational and educational programs, the Society has made, without requiring appropriated funds, significant contributions to art restoration, publications and film to promote a greater understanding of the richness and inspiration of our history.

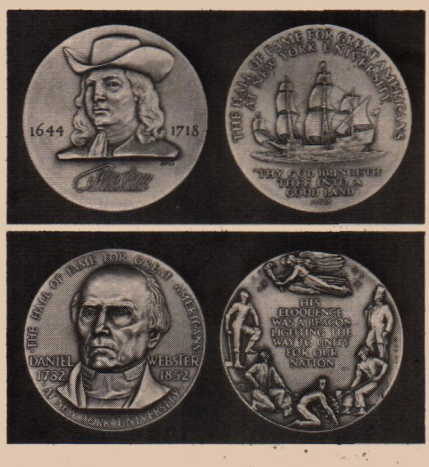
notes and queries

Johnson & Jenson Acquires Hall of Fame Medals

In one of the largest single transactions of art medals in recent years, the entire stock of large Hall of Fame bronze medals has been purchased by the medal firm of Johnson & Jenson of Danbury, Connecticut.

Nearly 90 different medals, each bearing the portrait of one of the famous Americans elected to the original Hall of Fame were included in the transaction. Many thousands of medals are involved in the purchase, which one official of the firm stated had a retail value "in the high five figures."

The medals are of the large 3 inch size and are struck in bronze only. Physically, these are some of the largest medals to have been issued in a series in America in recent years. The medal shipment arrived by armored truck in Connecticut in nearly 200 boxes, each containing an average of 50 to 60 medals and weighing about 40 pounds.



The Hall of Fame elects Americans from 14 different fields of activity in elections held every five years. (Only recently this has been changed to every three years). A bust is erected to each honoree at the Colonnade on the University Heights campus of New York University (now campus of City University of New York) in New York City. For collectors, the nearly 90 famed Americans fall into almost thirty different topical categories, including medical, naval, inventors, scientists, statesmen, educators, artists, musicians and authors.

The medals bear portraits on the obverse, with a reverse symbolic of the famed American's achievements. They were created by contemporary medallic artists, some of the most noteworthy in America today and many of whom were commissioned to do both the bronze bust and the art medal.

While the medals were issued for all those Americans enshrined in the Hall of Fame, the lot did not include every honoree. Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin, for example, had long since been sold out. However, the lot did contain nearly 90 different.

The medals, which had formerly been priced at $12.50 each, will be sold by the Connecticut firm for prices ranging

world coin news

CANADA—*Canadian Mint Officials Cooperate with Dealers*

Representatives from the Royal Canadian Mint, the Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers (CAND), and the Canadian Numismatic Association (CNA) met on January 25th to discuss an allocation system which the Mint will introduce to Canadian dealers in 1978.

This system is being introduced to cater more satisfactorily to the dealers' needs, to alleviate the necessity of tying up their funds for excessive periods of time, and to allow a better turnover of their inventory during the year. Also, it will permit the Mint to plan its production and to make more coins available to the collectors who place their orders directly with the Mint.

With this system, dealers will be asked to identify their yearly requirements for numismatic products by month for a definite period, such as March to October. Then, the second week of each month, dealers will place their orders for the final quantity of coins they require for that month.

Deliveries will be made during the last week of every month 10 days after receipt of payment. This new system will not affect transactions between the Mint and private collectors.

Enthusiasm was expressed by members of CAND and CNA over the Mint's new approach to better serve the needs of both dealers and numismatists.

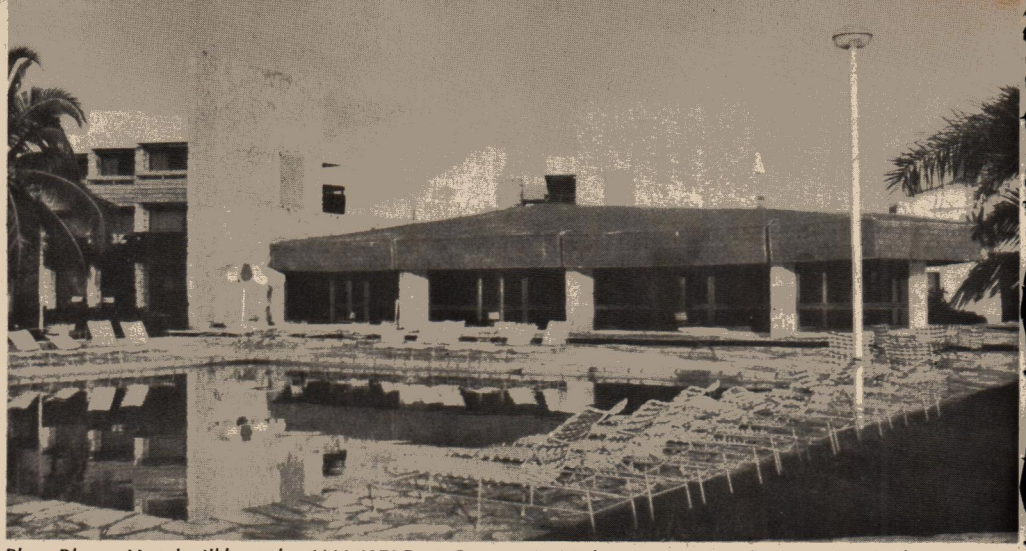
UNITED STATES—*National Medal Law Signed by President Carter*

America will soon have a new national medal which will commemorate an outstanding historic event or personality related to the revolutionary period, 1777-78. The law (HJR 386) authorizing the U. S. Mint to strike the medal was signed February 15 by President Carter.

The new legislation authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to strike a national medal on behalf of the U. S. Capitol Historical Society at the U.S. Mint's Philadelphia facility. Supervising the design, emblems and inscriptions of the medal will be a special advisory committee acting under the guidance of the Society with the concurrence of the Commission of Fine Arts and subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. The first meeting of this advisory committee was held on Tuesday, February 28, 1978 at the U. S. Capitol Building, to determine the medal's size, metallic content, quantity to be minted and selling price. Serving on the committee are Eva Adams, former Director of the U. S. Mint (1960-68); Mary T. Brooks, former Director of the U.S.Mint(1969-77); J.Carter Brown,Director,National Commission of Fine Arts; Elvira Clain-Steffanelli, Medallic Curator, Smithsonian Institution; William T. Louth, retired President, Medallic Art Company; Melvin M. Payne, Chairman, National Geographic Society; Margo Russell, Editor, *Coin World* ; and Fred Schwengel, President, U. S. Capitol Historical Society.

Extended Deadline for Bourse Applications

Member dealers who want bourse tables at the Houston convention, August 21-16 in the Astrohall, have until April 23 to apply. Space is available for some 60 tables to be added to those already approved. Bourse application forms must reach ANA headquarters by April 23. Send to: ANA Bourse, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

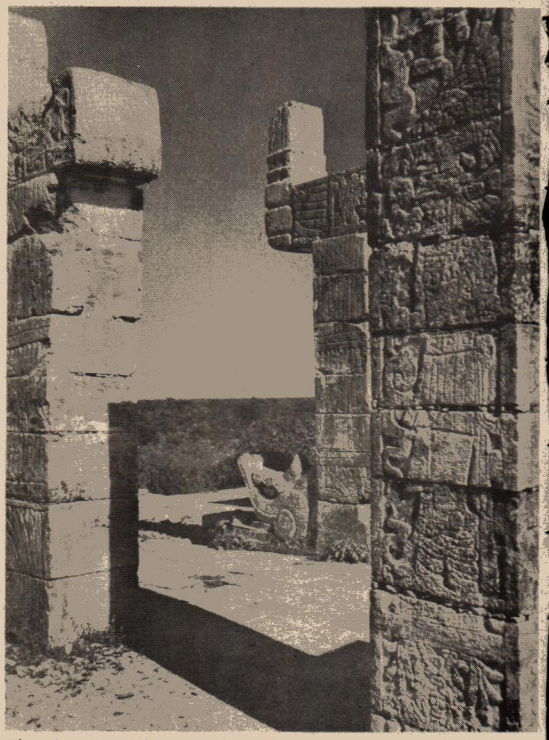


Playa Blanca Hotel will host the ANA 1978 Post-Convention Adventure tour to Cancun, Mexico's newest resort area on the Caribbean coast.

consider a blessing, but new shops have recently opened both on Cancun and in Cancun City. They feature European imports as well as Mexican arts and crafts.

Tulum, about 25 miles southwest of Cozumel, is a spectacular ancient walled city high on the cliffs overlooking the Caribbean. Until a few months ago visits had to be made by air taxi, but a new road has been opened allowing easy access for participants in this year's ANA adventure tour.

Chichen Itza is one of the best preserved and the largest of the Mayan ruins. It rises out of the Yucatan jungles, and within its six square mile complex are hundreds of buildings, including the Sacred Cenote where priests would appease the rain god, Chac, with human sacrifices. There is the Temple of the Warriors, famed for its thousand columns, and the Great Temple Pyramid, complete with secret chambers. The Astronomical Observatory predated those of European civilizations by five centuries. All these and more are waiting for the post convention adventurer to discover and explore. The 1978 tour is perhaps the best travel bargain ever offered by the ANA. Send your deposit in now and protect your space on this limited participation adventure. Remember: Remittances should be mailed directly to M and M World Travel Service.



The ancient Mayan ruins at Chichen Itza, Yucatan, are on the itinerary for ANA participants. Seen here are a few of the one thousand columns marking the site of the Temple of the Warriors.

MAYAN PARADISE Choice for ANA Tour

A millenium ago the Mayan kings vacationed on the island of Cancun, an unspoiled paradise off the coast of the Yucatan Peninsula. One thousand years later this same opportunity is being afforded members of the American Numismatic Association following the 87th anniversary convention in Houston, Texas, August 21-26, 1978.

Fortunately it will not take a king's ransom to participate. In fact, the cost will be less than $250 per person, based on double occupancy, and this fee will include air transportation from Houston and back, round trip airport and hotel transfers once you are in Cancun, a full American breakfast to start off each day, two escorted sightseeing adventures — one to the ancient Mayan city of Tulum and the other to the archeological ruins at Chichen Itza, tour lunches, a welcome cocktail party on arrival, and four nights lodging at the fabulous Playa Blanca Hotel.

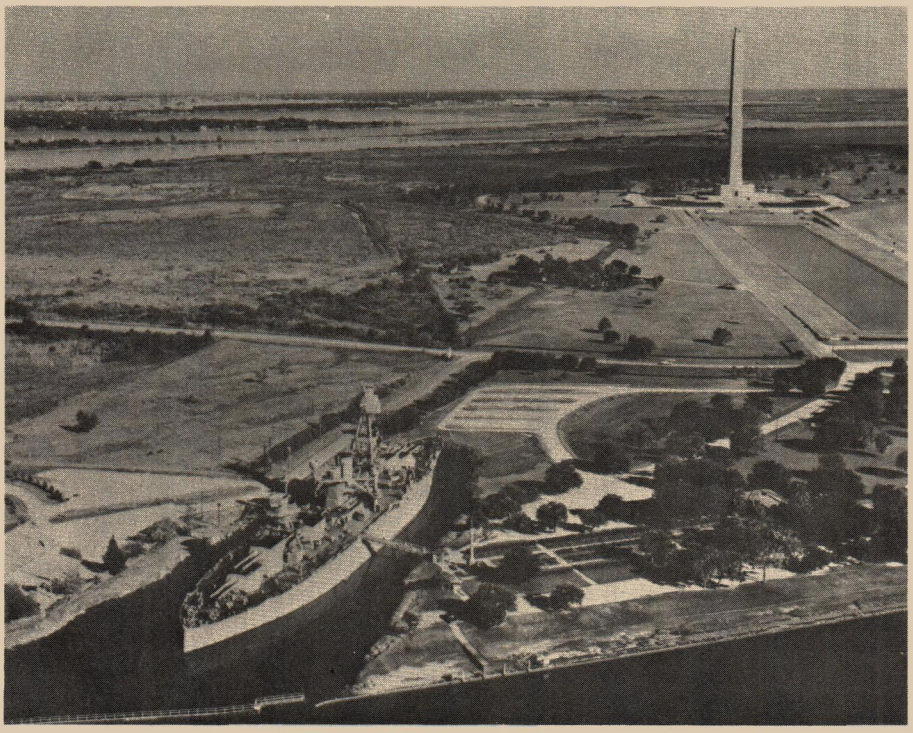
Travel arrangements are under the direction of M and M World Travel Service, assisted by Paul Whitnah of American Airlines, with Edward C. Rochette of ANA headquarters coordinating numismatic activities for the tour. Space is limited, and to insure your participation a $25 deposit per person should be sent directly to M and M World Travel Service, 1439 Schaumburg Road Plaza, Schaumburg, Illinois 60194. Further information can be obtained by writing them directly or calling their toll-free number, (800) 323-4742.

Cancun is Mexico's newest Caribbean resort area. It has been said that walking the many miles of unexplored beach on the island is like strolling through talcum powder. The sand is soft and the waters so blue that many cannot believe them to be real. By government edict, the hotels must be designed and built to faithfully reflect the island's Mayan past. Shopping facilities are limited on the island, which many on a budget may

Houston Patrons Sought

"Patrons are needed," says Bill Mark, patrons chairman for the 87th Anniversary Convention, being held in Houston, Texas. Your club, your business, or you as an individual can be listed in the official convention program for just a $5 donation which is tax deductible. This program will be a beautiful souvenir. Larger amounts are greatly appreciated and will be put to good use.

Monies received from patrons are used to support printing costs of the program and Young Numismatist functions which are made available to juniors at less than cost. Checks should be made payable to ANA 87th Anniversary Convention and should be sent to Bill Mark, 1624 West Main, Houston, TX 77006.



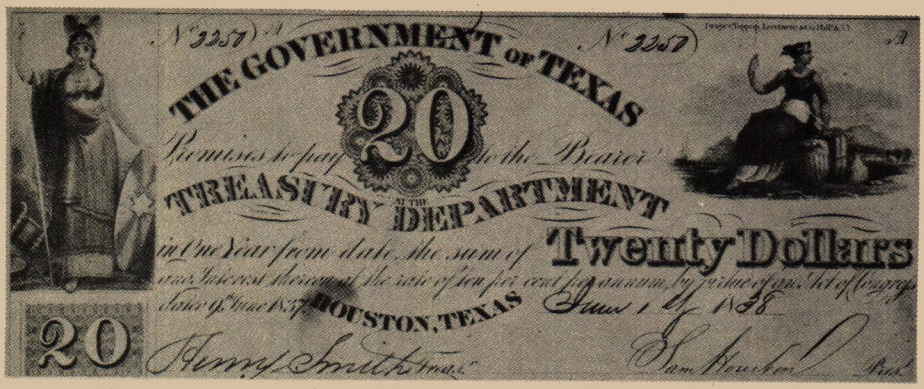
The U.S.S. Texas with the San Jacinto monument and battleground evident in the background.

Texas has passed on and become fixed in that glorious constellation, the American union." The flag of the Republic of Texas was lowered for the final time, its folds falling into the arms of Sam Houston, and in its place flew the Stars and Stripes.

It was not yet, however, destined to be the final flag to fly in the Texas skies. For only 15 years later, the South was afire with the issue of slavery and the call to secession had begun. Houston was fiercely against secession from the union. His dynamic personality had won him yet another stay as Governor, but he was no match for the emotional wave of empathy with the South. Cotton, the basic economy of the South and reliant on slavery for cheap production, was also the lifeblood of the Texas economy, and so it was that in1861, Texans voted an overwhelming 76% in favor of secession and joined the Confederate States of America. Officials were required to take an oath of allegiance, but Houston refused, resigned his governorship, and at the age of 70 died on July 25, 1863.

So for awhile yet another flag flew over Texas lands, but thanks to history, to the dream of Stephen Austin and the courage of Sam Houston, ANA conventioneers will head toward Houston to embrace their hobby with fellow countrymen. In a land at one time claimed by five other governments, Astrohall sits waiting to be converged on by numismatists who are well aware of the powerful influence of history's figures and events. August 22-26 in Houston. Don't miss it!

Prices and particulars on silver, bronze, and gold medals and badges will be released in the upcoming May issue of The Numismatist. Further inquiries regarding the 87th Anniversary Houston Convention should be addressed to Ruthann Brettell, Convention Coordinator, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.



Alamo, represented on the convention medal's reverse by the deadly long rifle, that would finally alert the Texans to the real danger that stood in the way of their freedom. A beleaguered group of 183 Texans, anxiously pleading for and expecting help up to the end, fought to defend San Antonio at the Alamo, entrance to the Texas heartland, against some 4000 Mexicans under Santa Anna's charge. Present were several of America's famous frontiersmen—Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie, and Col. William Travis, but all were vanquished within 90 minutes. Santa Anna was so confident of his victory that he had authorized a medal for each victorious soldier, but the victory cost him 8 men for every Texan, and as Travis predicted in his last letter, "The victory will cost the enemy so dear, that it will be worse for him than defeat." It was as Santa Anna was marshaling forces for the final assault on the Alamo that 50 Texans at Washington-on-the-Brazos signed the Declaration of Independence for the Republic of Texas and raised the flag of the Lone Star.

Only six weeks after the Alamo, Sam Houston and his army of 800 faced Santa Anna with 1250 Mexican troops on the plain of San Jacinto. Santa Anna had, in his impatience to capture the fledgling government, struck out ahead of his generals with 750 men to Harrisburg to which he heard the Texan government had moved. Reinforcements later brought his numbers up to 1250, but even that was no match for 800 wild Texans. Under Houston's tactical genius, the Texans attacked during midday while the Mexicans rested, and in only 20 minutes more than 600 Mexicans had been slaughtered while the Texans reported only nine fatalities. It had been a revenge long awaited and often in doubt as Houston kept his restless Texans in retreat from Santa Anna's massive forces, training them for battle and hoping for the opportune moment. Mutiny was a constant threat and even President Burnet thought Houston a coward, but the opportune moment had come. If that opportunity had never arisen or Sam Houston's ingenuity had been any less, who's to say what the subsequent history of Texas might have been?

Consideration of U.S. statehood by Texans in the new republic was immediate, but the northern states stalled the action fearing an imbalance between the 13 slave and 13 free soil states. So the republic was to struggle for ten years on its own, seeking recognition and trying to establish financial security. Stephen Austin was chosen Secretary of State by President Houston, but Austin died in December of 1836. Real money was scarce and Mexican attack seemed ever imminent, but the Mexican Army was too demoralized and disorganized. Finally, fears of British ties and political convenience enabled President John Tyler to call for Texas statehood, and she entered the Union on December 29, 1845. At the celebration the following February, Texas president Anson Jones remarked, "The lone star of

such conduct, Congress ordered him to stand trial for contempt of Congress. In the end Houston was judged guilty, but in taking over his own defense this masterful orator gave a powerful speech on Congressional breach of privilege and the rights of the private citizen which brought down the house. His sentence was limited to a verbal reprimand, but most importantly Sam Houston had regained his spirit, and this time thoughts turned to new territory, to Texas.

Mexico, in the meantime, had swung politically to a dictatorship, in direct contradiction to its liberal constitution. Fear of American takeover in Texas led the dictator to enact a law in 1830 establishing military garrisons in Texas manned by convict soldiers and decreeing an end to all American immigration. All the law of 1830 actually did was put the Texans on notice, but they were still eager to show their loyalty to Mexico. General Santa Anna, whom many saw as a savior, ousted the dictatorship and placed himself as head of the government. Long noted for his liberal beliefs, it soon became apparent that he was "drunk with ambition" and known to have said, "Were I made God I should wish to be something more."

Houston entered Texas in search of Austin and these two men of such diverse character met and talked. Perhaps Austin saw Sam Houston as a militant adventurer, but some Texans were already looking to Houston for leadership. In 1833, Austin took a constitution to Mexico City which was the result of a more radical majority with little regard for Mexican political tradition, and met up again with bureaucratic confusion. Out of his frustration came a letter calling for independent Mexican statehood for Texas, a letter which eventually wound him up in jail. Still Austin called for the Texans to remain calm and the cholera epidemic of 1833 kept minds off of war. But Santa Anna was moving toward an open dictatorship, and in 1835 a group of Texans seized a Mexican courier with messages from Santa Anna and discovered one saying that he intended to discipline the upstart

Sam Houston as done by Elizabet Ney 1901, one of the few depictions of Houston as a young adventurer, served as a model for the Houston portrait on the ANA convention medal. COURTESY LYMAN BARTEE, AUSTIN, TEXAS

Americans. Then on October 2, 1835, Texas volunteers at Gonzales refused to surrender the town's cannon to Mexicans, challenging them to "COME AND TAKE IT," and the revolution had begun. Ironically, Austin had been released from his captors and, having seen Santa Anna's madness, now encouraged war. The people wanted him for their commander, but he was too exhausted and never really suited in any event to military command. It seemed so easy to the Texans, as they won their initial battles overwhelmingly; they seemed unaware that the convict soldiers then representing Mexico had little stomach for battle.

It was to be the shame and glory of The

ANA Convention Medal

by Pat Black

and Mexican citizens embraced the red, green and white stripes of freedom. In the flag's center was a symbol familiar to many numismatists, an eagle perched on a cactus with a snake in one claw, symbolizing for Mexicans their destiny as a free people.

Anxious to retain their land rights and to accommodate their new "father" government, Austin's colony sent him to Mexico City to reestablish their grant. It took Austin 12 months of patient work to sort through the Mexican political confusion, gain the trust of those in power, and finally reestablish his colony under the new government. After his return the colony continued to grow rapidly and along with changes in the Mexican government, many more *empresarios* or real estate promoters, along with settlers, were given land grants. Many of these failed to thrive and some promoters were merely swindlers, but word of Texas was out and by 1830 Austin's colonies had some 4,000 settlers, and some 16,000 Americans were in Texas. Roman Catholicism was a requirement to land ownership, but this didn't seem to bother the Americans who saw it more as a business matter than a religious problem. Actually, the government did little to enforce it.

Along with the growth in the colonies came a greater variety of characters into Texas, including lawless ones who entered a land where the nearest seat of justice was in Saltillo, 500 miles away. There also came more and more rugged American individualists, men who felt no loyalty to Mexico but retained a traditional belief in their inalienable American rights. Austin and his conservatism were soon to pass into history.

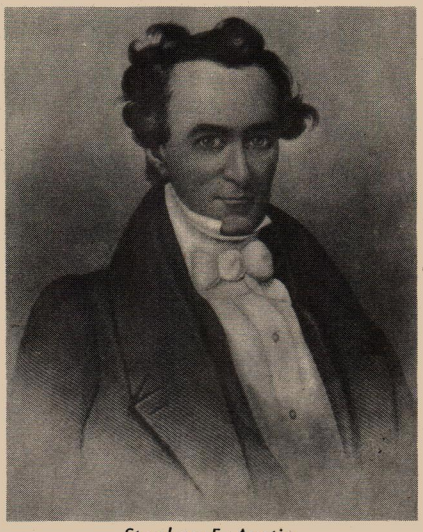
And so it was when, at the age of 39, Sam Houston, central figure on the convention medal's obverse and the greatest single human influence on Texas history, rode into Texas on December 2, 1832. Even as a child Houston had shown his love for adventure when he deserted his family while still in his teens and spent three years living with the Cherokees. At 20 he enlisted in the Army to help General Andrew Jackson fight the Creeks and distinguished himself as a soldier. Later he served as a mediator between the government and the Cherokees but resigned in disgust over the government's lack of fair treatment. He enthusiastically turned to law and by 1819 was elected Attorney General of Tennessee. In 1823 he was elected to the U.S. Congress and in 1827 became governor of Tennessee. He gave his full support to Andrew Jackson's campaign which placed Jackson in the White House in 1828, earning him favor in that high office.

But Houston was besought with private difficulties in his recent marriage, and public ridicule surrounding his private affairs pressured him into resigning the governorship. Deep in depression, Houston returned to the Indians who had once before provided him a home, and for three years passed the time drunk more often than not. On occasion he represented the Indians to the government, and during one of these missions Houston, provoked by some unfair accusations made against him by a member of Congress, waylaid the Congressman and beat him into submission with a cane. Outraged by

Texas History Symbolized on

Every ANA convention medal seeks to capture in its symbology certain imagery which brings to mind that year's convention city or often the heritage behind it, and the medal in progress for the ANA's 87th Anniversary Convention in Houston, Texas, is a thoughtful example. The designs, recently finished by N. Neil Harris, sculptor and ANA editor, are strikingly simple and uncluttered, yet every element brings into play a vivid period of Houston and Texas history. The six flags of Texas, shown in a cluster on the reverse, most clearly symbolize the struggles of Texas in her journey to becoming the 28th state in the Union, and enable us to briefly relive Texas history under each government.

Actually the French can barely claim a place for their flag, as the only recorded French colony in Texas, under the leadership of René Robert Cavelier in 1685, lasted less than two years. French exploratory groups did, however, encourage the Spanish to establish permanent settlements at San Antonio, Nocogdoches, and Goliad. Nevertheless, it was a period when all the old



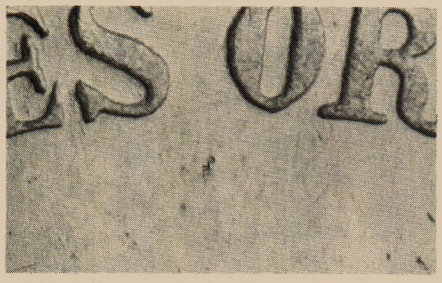
Stephen F. Austin

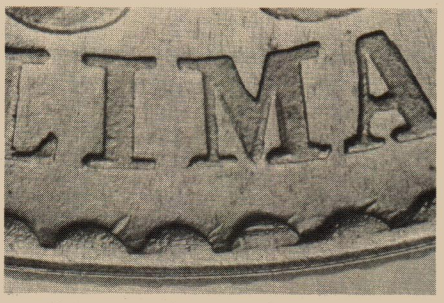
colonial governments were being weakened by war and internal upheavals, and in 1800 Spain ceded the Louisiana territory to France, who in only three years sold it to the United States.

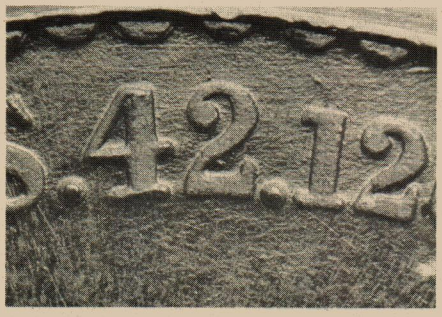
Spain had roughly only 3500 settlers in Texas, and this inability to populate the land would eventually determine its destiny. It seemed that whenever Americans came in droves to settle a new land, the U.S. government was not far behind. This was an observation that was not lost on the Spanish government, but an American presented them with a proposal for colonization which seemed a solution to their fears.

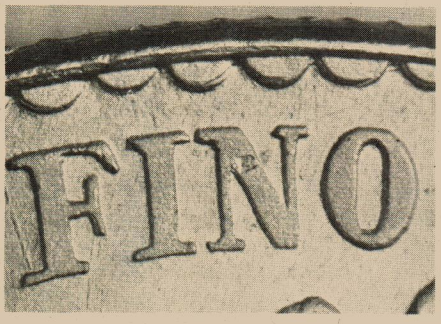
Moses Austin died prematurely, but his son carried on his dream to colonize Texas by promising the Spanish that his colonists would become Spanish citizens, loyal to the King and able to defend Texas against illegal Americans and hostile Indians for the crown. Stephen Austin was a frail character, but his compensating qualities of patience, tact, propriety, and hard work, marked him as a leader and a stateman; he obtained his grant and under his determination the colony prospered.

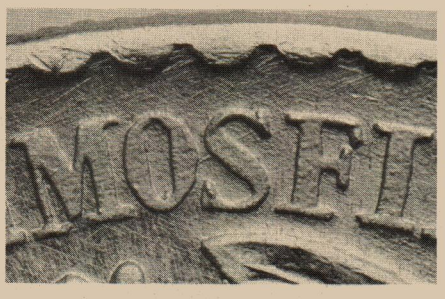
But the people of Mexico had enviously watched the prosperity of American independence long enough, and in 1822, after a brave struggle, the Spanish flag in Mexico City was lowered











Reverse

A - Tool markings on the ends of the denticles below the word LIMA and a tiny lump on the I just above the lower left serif.

B - Small lump on the right edge of the 0 in 46.8071.

C - Tool mark or die scratch through the upper part of the S in DECIMOS.

Official United States Mint Report

January

Denomination	Prev. Total	January Total	Total
Dollars (non-silver)	—0—	3,208,000	3,208,000
Half Dollars	—0—	4,512,000	4,512,000
Quarter Dollars	—0—	44,236,000	44,236,000
Dimes	—0—	65,600,000	65,600,000
Five-cent pieces	—0—	44,368,000	44,368,000
One-cent pieces	—0—	727,508,000	727,508,000
1977 Proof Sets (SF)	—0—	4	4
Bicentennial 40% Silver Proof Sets	—0—	2,277	2,277
Bicentennial 40% Silver Uncirc. Sets	—0—	3,335	3,335

ANA Certification Service

Counterfeit 1962 Peru 100 Soles Oro Examined

During the recent ANA midyear convention, Robert Mish of San Mateo, Calif., advised us that counterfeit 1962 Peruvian 100 Soles were being offered in the bullion market. Mish submitted several pieces from this new batch of extremely deceptive fakes to ANACS for study. The following table shows the comparison of data between the genuine and counterfeit pieces.

	Genuine	Counterfeit
Weight (grams)	46.8071	46.80 to 46.86
Specific Gravity	17.16	14.59 to 14.60
Diameter (millimeters)	36.50	37.20 to 37.25

The specific gravity tests indicate that these coins do not contain the full measure of gold (.900 fine or 90%), but are composed of approximately .750 fine alloy or 75%. As compensation, however, most are not only slightly heavier than normal but are also slightly larger than they should be.

While the weight, specific gravity and size are far enough from normal to be a clue to origin, everybody does not have access to good calipers and an accurate balance to make that determination. So we have photographed the coins in detail so everyone can see some of the things we spotted that will be helpful in identifying these fakes.

Obverse

1 - Raised "pimple" in side of neck.

2 - Blemish on the field below and between the words SOLES ORO. Part of that blemish is incused and part of it is raised.

3 - Tiny lump on right side of back curve of the first 2 in 42.1264.

4 - Barely discernible, but odd looking, tooling marks at left of the F and above the upper right serif of the N in FINO.

however, they were able to sell out to the United Smelters Railway and Copper Company, which was soon forced to file bankruptcy.

In 1905, to facilitate development of the area, the Penn-Wyoming Company obtained a charter to build a railroad connecting the Union Pacific Railroad line at Walcott, Wyoming, with Encampment. Construction of the Saratoga and Encampment Railway began at once, and by 1907 the line had reached Saratoga. In 1908 the forty-six mile stretch of line was completed to Encampment, and the railway commenced operations. Unfortunately, this railway was doomed to early failure. With the bankruptcy of the United Smelters Railway and Copper Company, holders of all stock in the railway, the line was closed down.

During the ten year period ending in 1908, twenty-three million tons of copper were mined in Wyoming. Although the ore was of a rich quality, it was quickly exhausted. Obviously the mining potential of the Encampment area had been greatly exaggerated and exploited by clever promoters. The bursting of the bubble, however, did not have a drastic effect on the residents of the area; most of the mine stock had been held by investors outside the state.

This medal was issued by Edward H. Parkison, owner of a general store in Encampment, as a souvenir of the opening of the railway in August 1908. The "greatest store in the greatest copper belt" obviously fared better than did either the railway or the copper mine. His store was still in business in 1920, according to an R.G. Dun & Co. Mercantile Agency reference book for that year, indicating that he lasted many years.

The authors encourage comments, suggestions, and additional information on reported pieces from readers, and ask that all inquiries be directed to David E. Schenkman, P.O. Box 274, Indian Head, MD 20640.

ANA Offers YN Summer Seminar Scholarships

For the sixth year, the ANA announces the availability of scholarships to pay the essential costs for a limited number of deserving youths to its Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The dates for the 10th Annual Seminar are July 9th through 15th.

A number of scholarships are donated by friends of the association who take this means of supporting young collectors. The youths, age 11-17, who qualify and receive scholarships, will be sent round trip tourist class airline tickets between their hometown airports and Colorado Springs, and will have their tuition fees waived. Tuition includes room and board at the Colorado College on which campus ANA Headquarters is located, and a field trip to the Denver Mint.

ANA governor Florence M. Schook has announced that YN's who wish to apply for a scholarship, with parental approval, should write to her for an application form at P.O. Box 2014, Livonia, MI 48154. Completed applications must be returned not later than June 10, 1978. This deadline is essential so that final arrangements can be made between Mrs. Schook, ANA headquarters, and the applicant. Any dealer or other ANA member who wishes to sponsor a deserving young collector should contact Florence M. Schook or the ANA Executive Vice President, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

Sponsorship of each young numismatist has been set at $500, and being a contribution to a non-profit educational organization, this amount is deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes. Sponsors will receive an official receipt from the ANA and their names will be published in *The Numismatist*.

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The Saratoga and Encampment Railway

The Encampment, a Wyoming copper mining fiasco, began in 1897 with the formation of the Rudefeha mine by Ed Haggarty. The mine's name was derived from the first two initials of Haggarty's name along with those of his three partners, J.M. Rumsey, George Deal and George Ferris. The mine's rich copper ore soon attracted a promoter named Willis George Emerson to the area, and with his partner Bernard McCaffrey he purchased the townsite of Encampment and commenced selling building lots and mining stock. He also hired a newspaperman to write news releases on the project for national distribution, hoping to attract investors from outside the state.

The mine, which was usually referred to as the Ferris-Haggarty, produced a promising quantity of ore, and in 1902 the Boston and Wyoming Smelter, Power and Light Company built a copper smelter at Encampment. Shortly thereafter a remarkable aerial tramway sixteen miles long was constructed to transport ore from the mine to the smelter. This tramway was built with over three hundred towers to support the cables, over which the ore was carried in buckets, each of which had a seven hundred pound capacity.

For the sum of one million dollars the Ferris-Haggarty mine was acquired by the North American Copper Company in August 1902. Willis Emerson then embarked on a project of selling twenty million dollars worth of the company's stock. In January 1905 the Penn-Wyoming Company obtained control of the North American Copper Company.

Although the Penn-Wyoming Company immediately instituted projects to enlarge the mine and smelter, their acquisition of the company came at an unfortunate time; copper mining in the area had peaked and was starting to decline. The company suffered from losses caused by two major fires, the first in 1906 and the other a year later. This, coupled with a drop in the price of copper from twenty cents a pound to thirteen cents, forced them to cease operations in 1909. Prior to this,

schedule of times that various officers will be at the table will be posted nearby and also published in the convention program. The motion provided that officials participate on an equal time basis.

The motions on these matters dealing with future conventions were passed unanimously in all cases, seemingly indicating harmony among the dealer and nondealer board members.

Financial Matters

Revised budgets for ANA operations and for ANACS operations for the current year, ending May 31, were approved as drawn up by finance chairman John J. Pittman, executive vice president Edward C. Rochette, treasurer William C. Henderson, and assistant to the executive vice president Ruthann Brettell. The ANA budget is balanced at $634,400 and ANACS is balanced at $115,330.

After discussion with general counsel and a local attorney, the board approved forming a nonprofit corporation, to be known as the American Numismatic Foundation, in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado with William C. Henderson, Edward C. Rochette and Adna G. Wilde, Jr., authorized and directed to execute and file the necessary documents.

Miscellaneous Items

A move to return club news, published in the *Club Bulletin* since the end of 1965, to *The Numismatist* failed by a 6, 2, 1 vote, Criswell and Krueger favoring and Hancock abstaining.

Chester Krause's offer to index *The Numismatist*, from the first issue in 1888 to the present, was accepted unanimously with thanks. "Chet" plans to use idle time on his computer to organize the index material and set it in type from which ANA can print the ninety-one-year index.

In an effort to reduce the possible deception of collectors, especially novices, by advertisements depicting enlarged photos of precious metal coins and medals, the board approved the following resolution proposed by governor Hancock: "that ANA's executive vice president shall inform each national numismatic publication that

ANA hopes that no future advertisement (will) be accepted for any 'new issue' gold or silver 'coin' (medal) unless the advertisement clearly states, in 8 point or larger type, the actual diameter, dry weight, and fineness of the advertised specimen, and, if in fact the picture is shown enlarged, that the picture is enlarged; and further that by 'new issue' is meant a 'coin' (medal) which is being manufactured and introduced concurrent with the publishing of the advertisement."

Executive vice president Rochette was authorized to pursue the proposal of Sanford Durst to produce a series of numismatic books, primarily of reprints from *The Numismatist*, and, if to the benefit of ANA, to dispose of it as he sees fit.

The board voted to send resolutions to concerned officials in the Congress and Treasury Department to notify them that the association supports the continued use of the motto "In God We Trust" on United States coins and paper money.

While not an action of the board, during the convention President Criswell appointed governor Charles J. O'Donnell the new chairman of the Dealer Liaison Committee. This Committee was announced on president Criswell's page in the March issue, including its membership and purposes.

Grading Standards

Recognizing that some time will be required for collectors and professional numismatists to become familar with the provisions of the *Official A.N.A. Grading Standards for United States Coins,* the board set July 1, 1978, as the starting date for its official use. It decreed that, starting with that date, the new ANA Grading Standard shall be the one and only system to be used by ANA in determining a United States coin's grade.

Federal Legislation

ANA member David L. Ganz presented two resolutions relating to legislation under consideration by the U.S. Congress and having a bearing on our activities, to the board for its consideration. The first dealt with a phase of ANACS operation, no action being taken by the board pending further discussion in executive session.

The second resolution dealt with legislation to prevent pillaged, plundered or looted coins from excavations being sold in the United States. The resolution included the association's concurrence with the intent of the legislation but pointed out the difficulty of enforcing it in the case of coins. It was accepted unanimously.

By unanimous vote the board 1) created the new position of "Legislative Counsel" and 2) appointed David L. Ganz to the position.

Complaints

The full board considered details of complaints against 14 members and took actions as follows: Expelled Edgar Gallany of Cheyenne, Wyo.; James Douglas Simmons of Ocala, Fla.; P. Chiu of Hong Kong; and Hap Seiders of Harrisburg, Penna. Suspended the following with automatic expulsion at the end of 60 days if complaints against them are not settled by then: William J. Kiszey, Grand Ledge, Mich.; Dennis Cain, Erlanger, Ky.; Barbara Mitchell (D & B Sales), Sullivan, Ill.; and Ray Ruete, New Fairfield, Conn.

The applications for membership of Jack Millgard of Atlanta, Ga., was denied because of numerous complaints against him. Reconsideration of previously held up applications of Greg Holloway of Falls Church, Va., and David Derzon of Milwaukee, Wis., resulted in accepting both into membership.

Letters of concern were directed to George J. Fuld of Pikesville, Md., and Randall Holland of New Hope, Penna., relative to complaints brought against them.

Future Conventions

The previously scheduled 1981 annual convention in Honolulu, always a controversial convention site, was cancelled by unanimous vote. In so doing, the board requested the executive vice president to investigate the possibility of holding a midyear convention in Hawaii at some future date.

Some changes in the bourse hours at the Houston convention (August 21-26) were approved, the new schedule being as follows: *Dealer only hours:* Monday — 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Tuesday - Saturday — 10 a.m. to 12 noon. *Public Hours:* Monday - Friday — 12 noon to 7:30 p.m., Saturday — 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Without opposition, the bourse table fee set for the Houston convention was $500, $25 of which is a key deposit to be refunded upon return of the keys after the close of the bourse. The net fee of $475 includes one convention registration.

Since space for bourse in the Houston Astrohall is quite large, the board voted to accept nearly all of the applications received from qualified dealers. In addition, it provided for an additional sixty-day period during which other applications will be accepted from qualified dealers up to a limit of 335 total bourse tables. Deadline for receipt of additional applications has been set at April 23.

In order that members attending our convention may have a better opportunity to meet and talk with the ANA elected officers, the following plan was adopted. At the Houston and subsequent conventions an official table will be provided adjacent to the bourse area and manned during all specified bourse hours by members of the board. A

The ANA board of governors discussed and decided on numerous policy questions during their two open sessions held in conjunction with the ANA Midyear Convention. Wearing only a few of the multiple expressions which the proceedings brought about are (left to right): legal counsel Richard B. Dusterberg; treasurer William C. Henderson; governors Chuck O'Donnell, Mort Reed, Virgil Hancock and Kurt Krueger; president Grover C. Criswell; executive vice president Edward C. Rochette; secretary to the executive vice president Patsy Lindmark; governors Adna G. Wilde, John Jay Pittman and Florence Schook; and vice president George D. Hatie.

board offered a full refund of the bourse fee to any dealers who chose to give up their tables before the end of the first day. A very few accepted the offer. Moderating weather and temporary space heaters resulted in tolerable conditions the last two days.

Atlanta Resolutions

The 20 resolutions presented to the membership and the board at the Atlanta convention last August were never approved due to controversy over the last one. After some discussion at this meeting, resolution no. 8 was deleted because it referred to an event that did not materialize, and motion no. 20 was amended to "express regret to Mary Brooks, Eva Adams and William Krieg for any remarks by the ANA President which they consider offensive." The latter amendment was opposed by Criswell and Krueger. Thus revised, the resolutions were approved.

Bylaws and Procedural Changes

The board acted to prohibit the publication of proposed bylaw changes in *The Numismatist* until recommended by the bylaws committee and approved by mail by five or more board members. Governors Pittman and Wilde opposed the five-member mail vote approval provision.

A Criswell motion (he had vacated the president's chair temporarily), seconded by Krueger, to change the bylaws to permit dealer board members to have bourse tables at ANA conventions was defeated by a 6 to 3 vote, Criswell, Krueger and O'Donnell being out of the room when the vote was called.

Two changes in the bylaws were made relative to the manner of electing governors of the Association, both to be effective in subsequent elections. The two changes, approved in separate motions, were opposed by Hatie, Pittman, Schook and Wilde.

The following is a synopsis of the new election procedures:

1979 election — Candidates for the seven governorships shall be nominated in accordance with Article VI, Section 1 of the bylaws, as in the past except that, in accepting such nomination, each candidate must declare irrevocably which of the seven numbered seats he will stand for. Governors elected to seats no. 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall serve for terms of four years. Governors elected to seats no. 5, 6 and 7 shall serve for terms of two years.

Subsequent biennial elections — The same procedure as outlined for the 1979 election shall be followed in succeeding biennial elections except that expiring terms shall be filled by electing governors for four-year terms in all cases.

Unanimous approval was given to amendments in Article VIII of the bylaws that will have the effect of changing all presently appointed officers, except the executive vice president and treasurer, to "staff members." Before final approval is given, the bylaws committee was directed to outline other changes that are compatible with the proposed amendment and submit them to the board.

A proposed amendment to the bylaws to permit future presidents of ANA to be elected to and serve a second term as president was defeated. The vote was 7 no, Hancock yes, Criswell abstaining.

Kenneth E. Bressett (r), head of the Western Publishing Co.'s Whitman Coin Products Division, presents the first ANA grading guide book royalty check in the amount of $1,770 to Grover C. Criswell, ANA president.

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many a chilly moment, but all that seemed light years away as the ANA fraternity met Saturday evening in the Broadmoor West for the reception and banquet. The drinks were potent and the meal a tribute to dining in a five star resort. Mint Director Stella Hackel gave a short and direct keynote speech regarding future Mint objectives, and Ken Bressett made a welcomed presentation to ANA president Grover C. Criswell of a check for $1,770 from Whitman-Western Publishing Co. representing 1977 royalties from the sale of *The Official A.N.A. Grading Standards for United States Coins.* Recognition was made to the forum speakers, non-competitive exhibitors, to general chairman William C. Henderson, and to convention coordinator Ruthann Brettell.

As everyone broke up to finish out the evening in his or her own way, feelings were warm. It was the 1st Midyear Convention and like all young things, it had felt growing pains, but there had also been the excitement and fun...of viewing the new museum galleries and the Denver Mint, of meeting Stella and the ANA staff, of learning at the forum and the ANACS meetings, and of seeing all those numismatic friends which keep this hobby so alive and interesting.

Summary Account of the 1978 Midyear Board Meeting

The midyear meeting of the ANA board of governors was held during the association's first midyear convention at The Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, February 16-18. The sessions, all but one open to the membership and press representatives, were held in the ballroom of Broadmoor West.

Attending the sessions were president Grover C. Criswell, vice president George D. Hatie, governors Virgil Hancock, Kurt Krueger, Charles J. O'Donnell, John Jay Pittman, F. Morton Reed, Florence M. Schook and Adna G. Wilde, Jr., executive vice president Edward C. Rochette, general counsel Richard B. Dusterberg, treasurer William C. Henderson and, for special presentations, editor N. Neil Harris and assistant to the executive vice president Kenneth L. Hallenbeck. The numismatic press was represented by Arnold Jeffcoat and Chester Krause of Krause Publications, Jim Miller of *COINage Magazine,* and Margo Russell of *Coin World.*

While certainly not the foremost topic considered and acted upon by the board, the uncomfortably cold temperature in the bourse area caused so much criticism that it should be covered early in this report. The World Arena is a large arched-roofed building for ice skating, including hockey and championship speed and figure skating, and curling, with a spectator seating capacity of more than 4,000 for hockey games.

As has been done for many previous events, the ice area was covered, providing space for 122 bourse tables with adequate aisles. The temperature problem was NOT caused by the ice beneath the floor but by the unusually cold outside temperature, lack of sunshine, and relatively small crowds of people, conditions for which the building heating system is not designed. Incidentally, the rumor that the heating system was not functioning properly was untrue.

Upon learning of the situation, the

there were human interest stories she told of the personalities which one always remembers, like the cat which the workers would share their lunch with or the pet squirrel which got fat from all the goodies left him on the window sills.

Her talk was a pleasant introduction to an Educational Forum which was carried on by two masters of Colorado numismatics, ANA treasurer William C. Henderson and ANA governor Adna G. Wilde. Listening to Bill gave one the impression of a man racing with time, as each numismatic slide he showed brought to mind a dozen stories and he struggled to relate only the most interesting. Only Bill could numismatically trace the Colorado song "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight" all the way to the Philippines. Though there are no silver mines in the Pikes Peak region, Joseph Lesher's Referendum Dollars carry the legend "Pikes Peak Silver Mine." Adna G. Wilde, who over the years has conducted an exhaustive study on Lesher pieces, shared with forum participants his collection and some of the more recent varieties uncovered.

Another popular offering during the convention was "An Evening with ANACS" conducted by Ed Fleischmann and John Hunter. Though they humorously relate their motto as, "If you can't dazzle them with your brilliance, baffle them with your footwork," the 100-some persons in attendance were duly impressed with the brilliance of their slides and narration which showed the distinguishing marks of genuine coins. Especially those in lower grades and damaged condition were explored, as were common mistakes made by counterfeiters. At the ANACS Mini-Seminar held Sunday morning, the authenticators created a semblance of the ANACS office complete with microscopes, weighing scales, and specific gravity equipment. They explained how ANACS operates and how coins are examined, and then gave everyone the chance to use the equipment on his own.

It was a convention to remember

Although not always in smiles, Ruthann Brettell, newly appointed convention coordinator, weathered her and the ANA's first Midyear Convention.

1st Midyear Convention non-competitive exhibit area.

John Hunter (l) and Ed Fleischmann (standing center), ANACS authenticators, demonstrate the use of the microscope and other counterfeit detection techniques.

As ANA president Grover Criswell notes in this issue's President's Page, Director of the Mint Stella Hackel showed herself to be vivacious and charming while attending the ANA Midyear Convention. She also, however, showed herself to be forthright and candid, both in her conference with the numismatic press on Thursday and in her keynote speech at the banquet Saturday evening.

She spoke on several issues which are close to the concerns of collectors, saying that commemorative coinage "would receive careful and serious consideration by Treasury." She stressed that there was caution toward commemoratives, as any special coinage needed to be "for the government's own account rather than for the benefit of private sponsoring organizations." Hopes for a gold coin vanished as the Director stated that this would be contrary to Treasury policy which "has long been to diminish the role of gold in the international monetary system." The future of the Assay Commission seems uncertain but renewed public participation highly unlikely.

Of interest to layman and numismatist alike was news of a smaller dollar coin which is currently under study. No legislation has been proposed as yet to Congress, who would select a design, but prototypes are being tested, with vending machine acceptability a high priority. The current prototype, designed by Frank Gasparro, has a stylized Liberty head on the obverse, a soaring eagle on the reverse, and an 11-sided design for the inside border.

Attending the dedication of the Stack's Galleries are the Ladies of the Mint, from left: Mint Director Stella Hackel; Betty Higby, Superintendent of the Denver Mint, and Evelyn Davidson, Denver Mint Superintendent-designate. COIN WORLD PHOTO

Plans for a new Denver Mint facility have been set aside, as copper costs have tapered off, coin demand figures have been reduced, and surplus federal facilities such as Frankfurt are being considered as support facilities for cent production. Mrs. Hackel emphasized her committment to the Denver Mint in promising that working conditions and noise levels will be improved, public areas will be expanded and improved, and a museum section will be expanded. "Mrs. Brooks and her people did a magnificent job with the museum in the Old Mint in San Francisco. There is no reason we can't have a beautiful museum area in the beautiful city of Denver in the historic Denver Mint. We are certainly going to try it." ANA president Grover C. Criswell pledged the support of the ANA in helping the Denver Mint museum become a reality.

She concluded that after exploring numerous other alloys, including German silver, the Mint found that cupronickel still affords the greatest coinability and machine protection. "In the United States where we have the highest relief on our coinage, and I think generally acknowledged internationally, the highest quality coinage in the world, we find alloys we now use are the best."

Conventioneers had the opportunity to gain further insight into the workings of the Denver Mint on two occasions during the Midyear convention. Those who chose to accompany the tour to the Denver Mint on Wednesday afternoon were treated to an on-the-floor inspection of minting machinery and laboratories. Hildreth Frost, Chief Assayer, acted as tour guide and provided a wealth of information on coinage manufacture and Denver Mint history. Tour participants were introduced to Betty Higby in her office as Mint Superintendent, and those who later attended the Midyear Educational Forum on Friday evening heard Mrs. Higby speak about her personal reminiscences of her years at the Mint. Along with the production records,

Abraham Lincoln

activities leading up to the gallery's realization; Ken Hallenbeck, who valiantly accepted the February goal for the galleries only months after accepting the position of museum curator; and N. Neil Harris, who tackled the chores of graphic illustration, copy, and arrangement; all spent many extra hours in preparation for the opening. The support of the entire ANA staff, the ANA board of governors, and the numismatic community was behind Ben Stack as he said, "It is with a great deal of pleasure that we dedicate these new museum galleries... Probably only once in a lifetime is one allowed to have the family name grace the archway of a museum for the benefit of all of numismatics, and, as we all know, for all of mankind."

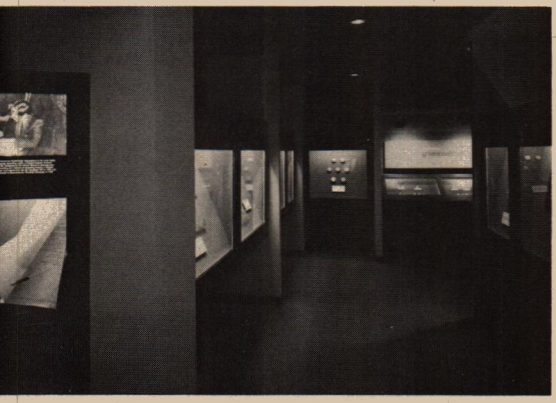
A breath of springtime could be felt as guests were treated to champagne punch and breakfast rolls amidst bouquets of flowers. Numerous Mint peronalities could be found mingling in the crowd, and many vied for the attention of Mint Director Stella Hackel. Staff members she had brought with her from Washington included James A. Parker, Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs; Francis B. Frere, Assistant Director for Marketing and Statistical Services; Deborah Duke Swann, Chief of Marketing Services Division, and James Peed, Mint designer. Other top Mint personnel included Betty Higby, Denver Mint superintendent, and her successor, superintendent-designate Evelyn Davidson.

Surrounded by guests at the ANA's formal dedication of the Stack's Galleries, Dick and Geneva Karlson "keep in touch" while they each visit with numismatic friends.

Chuck O'Donnell, ANA governor, discusses the history of U.S. paper money with visitors to the ANA Museum.

With the assistance of Mint Director Stella Hackel and ANA president Grover Criswell (far left), Ben Stack proudly cuts the ribbon dedicating the Stack's Galleries. Behind them watch Robert Valentine, nephew of R.T. Herdegen, and Ken Hallenbeck, museum curator.

Robert Valentine, nephew of the late Robert T. Herdegen, and Edward C. Rochette, ANA executive vice president, admire the Herdegen Memorial Collection of World Coins in its new home in the Stack's Galleries.

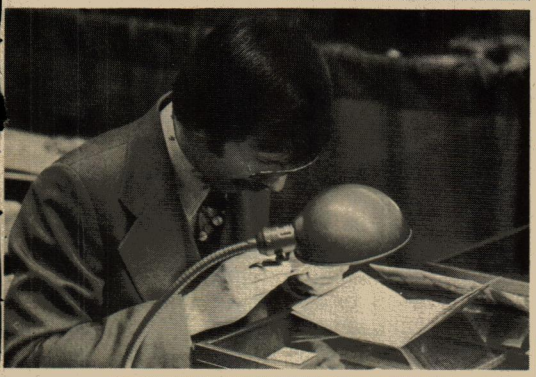


money. Some of the notes, such as the $500 gold certificate, are very rare.

Robert T. Herdegen, who devoted full time to the hobby following his retirement from the presidency of Dominion Forge Co. of Ontario, came up with the intriguing notion of buying a numismatic book and trying to acquire every piece listed. Any numismatist who has ever considered this fantasy can readily recognize the books Herdegen used as they view the collection—Davenport's *European Crowns and Talers,* Linecar's *Crown Pieces of the British World,* Friedberg's *Coins of the British World...* Perhaps the most beautiful pieces in the gallery are the multiple talers of Brunswick which are considered to be the finest ever accumulated by one collector.

Convention registrants were allowed a preview showing on Wednesday evening, but the official opening of the Stack's Galleries took place on Saturday morning, February 18th. Ben Stack, representing the New York coin firm and his partners Harvey and Norman Stack, cut the ribbon to mark the occasion, and surrounding him were the many people who had a part in making the galleries a reality. ...Robert Valentine and his wife were on hand to see a portion of his uncle's collection, the Robert T. Herdegen Memorial Collection of Coins of the World. ...Tim Carter had arrived to compare the final result of his room and display design with his original concept. ...Executive vice president Ed Rochette, who had coordinated

Bourse activity in the Broadmoor World Arena



Robert Medlar confronts the ANA Board with the icy situation present in the bourse area.

Broadmoor World Arena

Representing the 134 dealers of the bourse, Bob Medlar confronted the ANA board of governors on Friday morning with the drastic situation in the Arena, and suggested that they close the bourse down and let everyone go home. The board recessed to talk with the hotel management, and upon their return reported that it had been arranged for large space heaters to be installed with the guarantee that the temperature would go up. In addition, anyone who chose to leave by 2 p.m. would receive a full refund of bourse fees and a board apology for the inconvenience.

In the end four dealers chose to leave, while the rest stayed for what was reported to be a good show for them. Dealer-to-dealer transactions were particularly heavy, and by Saturday temperatures had risen and public registration increased. Final attendance has been estimated at 2,125.

Perhaps for most conventioneers the most important opportunity afforded by this convention in Colorado Springs was the chance to visit ANA headquarters, meet the staff, and attend the preview or opening of the new Stack's Galleries of the ANA museum. The majority of the staff could be found at The Broadmoor, helping with registration or photo I.D., manning the ANA, ANACS or library tables, or racing about shooting photographs of events and personalities. Meanwhile a skeleton crew at headquarters kept the building open for those who wanted to use the library or view the museum's Americana Galleries. But it was the first look at the new galleries which all awaited.

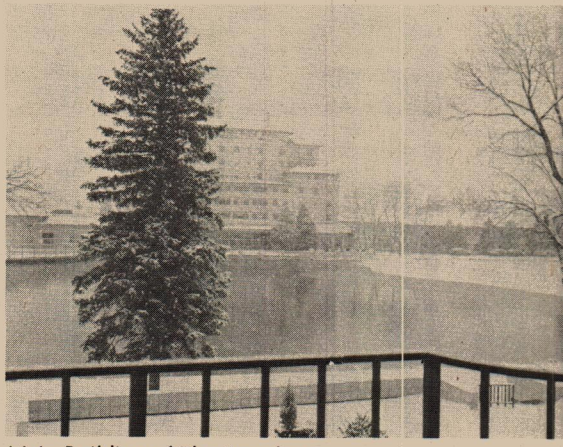
Two major collections are represented in the Stack's Galleries: the Norman H. Liebman collection of United States Paper Money Depicting Lincoln and the Robert T. Herdegen Memorial Collection of Coins of the World. The Liebman collection includes demand notes, fractional currency, interest bearing notes, gold certificates, legal tender notes, silver certificates, national bank notes, federal reserve notes, and emergency issues, which together can largely represent the development of United States paper

Participating in the ANA's 1st Midyear Convention ribbon cutting are from left to right: general chairman William C. Henderson; Broadmoor Hotel general manager William Tutt; ANA convention coordinator Ruthann Brettell; ANA governor Chuck O'Donnell; ANA president Grover C. Criswell; assistant sergeant-at-arms John Morris; governor Florence Schook; vice president George D. Hatie; and governor John Jay Pittman.

Hot or Cold, ANA Conventions Offer Fun and Excitement

Pre-convention press releases emphasized the mild weather—the average temperature for Colorado Springs in February is a high of 48° and a low of 20°; snow is light to moderate, rarely staying on the ground longer than 24 hours. Scoffing at such presumptuousness, Nature greeted conventioneers to the ANA's 1st Midyear Convention at The Broadmoor, February 15-19, with the worst snow storm of the winter and temperatures as low as 2° below zero.

Adding yet more salt to the wounds was the situation which the Fates had chosen for the bourse area. Due to insufficient advance time with which to reserve the Broadmoor's usual convention facility, the International Center, convention planners chose to use the Broadmoor World Arena, home of the U.S. Figure Skating Championships and location for numerous concerts and shows such as that given by Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops. However, the Arena is noninsulated, which is rarely a problem with the city's sunny, mild climate, but our convention storm created havoc with the Arena's natural heating system. The bourse floor seemed scarcely a change from the chilly winds outside, and even the convention medals were snowbound in Rhode Island, and so it was—Pandora's box indeed.



Main Building of The Broadmoor
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12c serpent coins. Also, the silver content of the one known specimen is the same as that of coins without the "P." Thus, the idea that this coin was also intended as a presentation piece because it had a high silver content does not appear to be valid.

What then is the meaning of the unusual marking? It is not felt that it was intended as a mint mark. If it were a mint mark it would most likely designate the town of Petionville, which would have probably been the most prolific mint of the era. One would not expect the coins from the largest city to be so scarce that only one specimen is known today. Instead, it may be that the letter was intended to designate under whose authority the coin was minted. It may have been cut into the die by government order or by some loyal and patriotic mint employee acting independently.

Remember, in 1813 (AN 10) the country of Haiti was divided between Petion in the South and Christophe in the North. To some of the poorly educated Haitians the words "Republique D' Hayti" may not have been enough to let them know that the coin was issued by the Southern ruler. The "P" may have been first thought of as a way of reminding the people that it was Petion's government issuing the serpent coinage. The thought that it was the work of a well meaning mint employee and not the idea of the government may have some validity and may explain why it was cut into only one die.

Petion assumed the role of President in South Haiti and had full intention of establishing and preserving a working republic. The fact that when the serpent coinage appeared in 1813 it bore no reference to Petion was probably well planned. Petion was somewhat of an idealist at that time and may have wished to issue coins relevant to his country and not himself. Four years later, due to extensive counterfeiting, it was necessary to change the design of the serpent coinage. By then Petion's idealism had obviously faded since the abundant coinage of AN 14 in twelve and twenty five centimes bears the portrait and name of Petion.

However, in 1813 or AN 10, if a well meaning mint engraver had decided to distinguish the coins of Petion from those of Christophe in the North, he may well have, on his own, cut the "P" into one die of a twelve centime piece. The president or another government official may have objected to this reference and ordered that no future coins should show the letter. This action, or whatever action led to the origin of this coin, has left us with a rare and mysterious numismatic find that may never be fully explained.

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New Library Catalog Generates Requests

The fact that many of you have received the new library catalogue is quite evident at the ANA library. We have been deluged with requests to borrow books, and library staffer Debbie Brooks is busy assembling orders for mailing. Over two hundred borrowers have submitted letters in the first week, asking for the loan of items listed in the new edition of the catalogue, and they continue to arrive in large numbers each day. Processing of orders takes considerable time and we request your patience if your books do not arrive with the usual prompt service that we like to provide.

chin varieties. Since the actual bust size varies quite a bit within both varieties, it is better to classify them according to hair design which is usually of one of two distinct types, either thick cut or thin cut.

Over thirty-five dies of AN 14 25 centime coins have been found. About three-fourths of these are of the thin hair or small bust variety. After weighing and taking specific gravities of over fifty of these coins, another difference between the thick and thin hair varieties has been observed. While the weight and specific gravities of both types varies quite a bit, statistical analysis of the two types indicates that coins of the thick hair type (Fig. 7) are on the average heavier and have a higher silver content. The thick hair coins average 2.53 grams in weight and the thin hair coins 2.36. Also, while the thick hair coins are more scarce, they are usually found in better condition. (One variety of the thin hair type is frequently found for sale in very high condition. While most die varieties are seen once or twice, this die (Fig. 8) has been observed fifteen times. The most any specimen of this die has weighed is 2.27 grams, and the average specimen is only 2.13 grams. It is thus felt that coins from this die are forgeries.)

All specimens of the "P" variety of AN 14 observed to date have been of the thick hair variety, have averaged 2.53 grams, and have been found to have high silver contents. This data supports the idea that the "P" on these coins may have originally indicated pieces of higher silver content and thus suited for presentation to local or foreign officials.

But getting back to our "P" variety of the AN 10 twelve centime piece, there does not appear to be any significant weight difference between it and other

Fig. 6. The "P" variety of the 25 centime issue of AN 14. Note the thickly cut hair and the strong chin.

Fig. 7. The two main bust types of AN 14 coinage. Note the differences in chins and in hair styles. The piece on the right has much coarser or thicker cut hair. Coins such as those on the right are often of higher silver content.

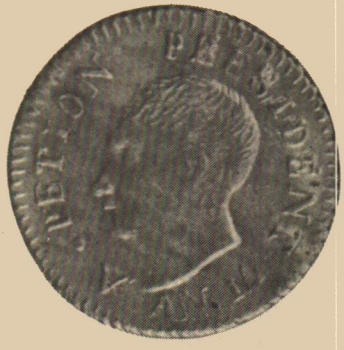

Fig. 8. Coins from this die of an AN 14 25 centime coin are probably counterfeit. All are light in weight and low in specific gravity.

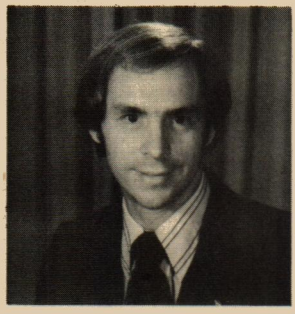

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Fig. 4. The serpent coinage of Haiti features many die varieties of most dates. This 25 centime piece has a larger than usual snake's head on the obverse and eight cannon balls on the reverse.

Fig. 5. Actual size 16 mm. This may be the first regular issue Republic of Haiti coin with a mint or identification mark. The P below the palm tree makes this die significantly different from other serpent coinage.

arrangements of dots or stars at both sides. The reverse features the Haiti coat of arms, which consists of a liberty capped palm tree with two banners on each side. The lower portion contains two cannons with stacked cannon balls, and is completed by an underlying base. Different varieties have different numbers of cannon balls and spears or bayonets under the banners, and the cannons come in many shapes and sizes.

By modern standards and even in comparison to other early 19th century coinage, the serpent coins of Haiti can be considered crude. They more closely resemble medieval coinage, and it appears that all dies were cut by unskilled hands. Table I lists the number of dies of each date that have been found to date. The actual number of dies used is probably much greater than the numbers shown here.

Die varieties of the serpent coins can usually be observed with the naked eye. Variations are in letter placement, letter style, snake design, or in the details in the coat of arms. However, one die of the 12c piece of AN 10 has been found which is significantly different from the others and may be an important numismatic find. This coin contains a mysterious "P" below the coat of arms on the reverse (Fig. 5). This previously unreported die may represent the first mint or identification mark on a coin of Haiti.

At first one may think that the presence of the letter would have a distinct, easily recognized meaning, but this is not the case. Other than the presence of the P, the coin has no characteristics significantly different from other 12c pieces of AN 10, ANX1, or AN12. The coin does, however, have a parallel in the 25c portrait coinage of AN 14 (Fig. 6). These coins, featuring the bust of Petion on the obverse, have a "P" cut beneath the bust. At least three different dies are known to exist with the "P." Since the reverse dies used to make the AN 14 P issue were also used to make coins not showing the P, it is unlikely that the P was used to designate a separate mint. Some have suggested that the letter had a metrological meaning and was used to designate coins of high silver content intended for presentation purposes. Examination of a large number of die varieties of the 25c pieces of AN 14 indicates that this may be the case.

The 25c pieces of AN 14 fall into two main categories. Some sources have referred to these as the small and large bust varieties, or the strong and weak

Table I

Die Varieties of Haiti Serpent Coins

Denomination	Year	Date	Number of Die Known to Author
6c	1813	AN10	2
12c	1813	AN10	2
	1814	ANX1 (AN11)	5
	1815	AN12	2
25c	1813	AN10	4
	1814	ANX1 (AN11)	4
	1815	AN12	11
	1816	AN13	7

Fig. 1. The popular and well executed pattern of Henri Christophe is one of the first crown sized coins of Hispaniola.

greatly, as do the details of the designs. Petion's coins are represented as issues of the Republic of Haiti, while the coins of Christophe bear the initials of the ruler (HC). The 12 and 25 centime coins of AN 10, 11 and 12, and the 25c coins of AN 13 are fairly easy to obtain and offer an exciting challenge to the numismatist because of the many die varieties that exist. The 6c pieces issued only in AN 10 are much rarer and are seldom offered for sale.

The obverse of the serpent coins features a serpent forming a circle by grabbing its tail. Within the circle is the denomination (12c for example) with the denomination and "C" being separated by either a dot or star. Around the snake is the legend "Republic D' Hayti" and the date AN—. The date on serpent coins is near the bottom of the obverse and is bounded by various

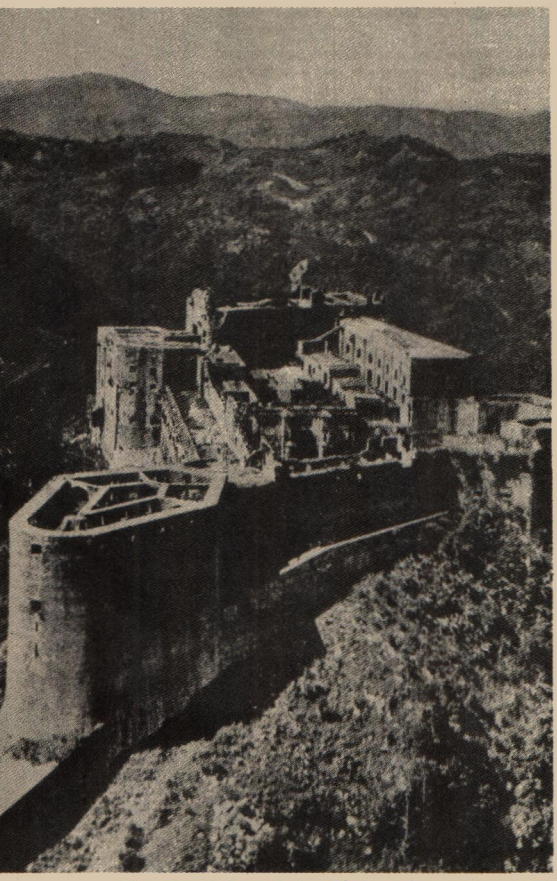
Fig. 2. The cocked hat one centime of 1807 represents the first copper pattern of Haiti. Christophe, the dictator, is referred to as President.

Fig. 3. This pattern of 1808 was issued in denominations of 7 1/2, 15, and 30 sols. The obverse resembles the later liberty seated type of U.S. coinage. The reverse bears the initials of the dictator. Regular issue coinage based on this pattern is much cruder.

At the start of the 19th Century, Haiti was just emerging as a new and independent nation, but the pattern for its history for the next 100 years was quickly being set. From the time when the slaves of Haiti revolted to obtain their freedom, the country was plagued by power seeking despots and revolutionaries who kept the political climate of the country in turmoil and the economy in ruins.

In 1806, the death of the powerful leader Jean Jacques Dessalines again threw the new nation into a period of division and uncertainty. The northern portion of the nation was soon under the rule of the famous Henri Christophe, a totalitarian of the highest order, while in the South, the less famous Alexander Sabes Petion came into power as President.

Petion took power as a patriot with high ideals. He hoped to see Haiti as one country under a democratic type government. It would be nice to report that Petion led the South to a higher level of political and economic development, and that the despotic rule of Henri left the northern empire in much worse shape, but this is not the case. Petion's more lenient political policies were not successful in the new nation, and development was slow.



The Citadel, built by Christophe, rose out of pride, vanity and death.

Under Henri, the North experienced advancements in several areas such as better roads and better schools, but the toll in human suffering and loss of freedom was great. For example, the famous Citadel fortress was constructed under the rule of Christophe, but at a cost of thousands of lives.

Both of these regimes mark the beginning of the numismatic history of the island country. Henri Christophe is famous for his crown size patterns (Fig. 1) and for his cocked hat one centime issue of 1807 (Fig. 2). In addition to a large number of well executed patterns, the first circulating coins of Haiti appeared under the rule of Henri. These are the 7 1/2 and 15 sol pieces of 1807-1809. These crudely executed issues are scarce today, especially in better condition. It should be noted that the more pleasing and better executed patterns for this type resemble the liberty seated coinage of the United States which was started some thirty years later (Fig. 3).

Petion, meanwhile, issued the first circulating coins of the South in 1813. These coins bear dates relating to 1803, the year the slaves of Hispaniola obtained their independence from France. Thus, the first coins minted in 1813 bear the date AN 10. These issues of 6, 12 and 25 centimes are known as "serpent coins" because a circular snake is featured on the obverse (Fig. 4). The silver content of these issues varies

The Serpent

Coinage of Haiti

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From Your President

Grover C. Criswell

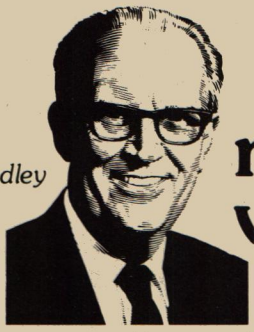
Well...history has been made in more ways than one. Our 1st Midyear Convention, just over as I write this column, was a cool success. My prediction of beautiful weather, as I had experienced for the past twelve years or so, got blown to Haiti. Admittedly, conditions in the "ice skating arena" were bad, compounded by the unusually cold weather. Nevertheless, the 2,125 people who attended had a good time, and I don't know of a single dealer who didn't have a good show. Virtually everyone enjoyed meeting our headquarters personnel, seeing our building and museum area; and the Denver Mint tour was a big success. A suggestion has been made that we consider another midyear show for the Denver area in 1980, and this will be taken under advisement by your board.

The highlight of the convention was having as our special guest Stella Hackel, our Mint Director. Stella is vivacious, charming, witty and intelligent, and President Carter made one of his best appointments here. Your association looks forward with pleasure to working with Stella. Betty Higby, Superintendent of the Denver Mint; Evelyn Davidson, Denver Mint Superintendent-designate; and Deborah Swann, Chief of the Marketing Division, Bureau of the Mint, were three other lovely ladies whose attendance was appreciated. We were also pleased to have Barry Frere and James Parker of the bureau present. The special Denver Mint set, sold for the first time at our convention, along with the 1977 Assay Medals, were reason enough for attendance. Speaking for the entire membership of the ANA, to all you wonderful people from the Mint, I'll just say...thanks loads.

In some small way, to thank you folks for your wonderful cooperation and in appreciation to the folks from the Denver Mint especially, the ANA pledges to help make the soon to be established museum (as announced by Director Hackel) a big success. Indeed...we will be happy to loan you folks whatever we can in the way of "treasures" and "talent."

Yours for a strong and vibrant ANA,

Grover C.



by glenn b. smedley

numismatic vignettes

■ Matthew Bolton, 1728-1809, was a most unusually talented man, one authority calling him an inventor, engineer, manufacturer, leader in industrial development and artist. Numismatists are more or less aware of his role in applying steam power to the coinage process and that he produced some coins for the British government, among them the "cartwheel" 1797 penny and 2 pence that contained their intrinsic value in copper metal.

Not so commonly known is the fact that he was one of the most brilliant of the many English silversmiths. His productions of Sheffield plate were particularly outstanding and he was largely responsible for having an assay office established in Birmingham in 1773.

■ That the writer of this page has been taken to task is nothing new; that such was the case in connection with an obituary is. On page 72 of the January issue I stated that the late Clifford Lindall was tied with another member for the most consecutive ANA conventions attended. This record began with the 1937 convention, but we are informed that John H. Morris Jr., R-5228 and LM 74, started his consecutive string of conventions in 1936. Always agreeable to recanting an erroneous statement.

■ Most of us know what the word "sterling" means, as applied to silver, but how did it originate and when? Sir John Craig, in *The Mint* (London), says, "Whence that word was derived no man knows." However, *The Book of Old Silver* by S. B. Wyler gives this account: In England a band of immigrant Germans called themselves "the Easterlings." They were called upon by King John about 1300 to refine some silver for coinage and, in a statute of 1343, the first two letters were dropped from the word "Easterling," thus forming the word "sterling." However, the standard of .925 purity of sterling, indicated by the leopard's head in the London hallmarks, was not established until the middle of the sixteenth century.

■ Ordinarily the word "freak," when used to denote a misprinted note or a misstruck coin, irks me. However, in a priced catalog of error or misprinted notes there is a $1 Federal Reserve note, Series 1963A, that is listed as "unique" and is truly freakish. But what struck me was "Value of the one specimen known, in Unc.: $450." Pray tell me, how do you assign a value to a one-of-a-kind numismatic item? Even scarce or rare items that are offered, sold or bid for will eventually acquire fairly well established values. But a unique item? The value was not based on rarity because, in the same catalog, there were other notes not designated as unique that were priced higher. Possibly the motto on some of the 1737 Higley coppers offers a good solution: "VALUE ME AS YOU PLEASE."

■ What is this ANA member's name? The first and last names have only three letters each. Of the six letters, two are the same in the last name as in the first. The first letters of the two names are consecutive letters in the alphabet. It's a real name but I can't reveal the address of the member so you can check up on me.

e.

Obverse: On laurel a raised medallion with arms of Boston.
Reverse: Plain. 32 mm. Yellow composition. Storer 64.
Storer considered this a City Medal.

f.

Obverse: Bust to left. Gift of Franklin A.D. 1788, around.
Reverse: REWARD/OF/MERIT BY THE/SCHOOL COMMITTEE/TO/(name)
29 mm. Tin. Storer 397. Storer included this with his list of Franklin school medals in *Numismatics of Massachusetts* but said "Probably wrong."

g.

Obverse: FRANKLIN SCHOOL INSTITUTED OCT. 1, 1787
Reverse: Incused.
34 mm. Copper. Storer 402, Fuld 7. Probably not an award piece, rather a commemorative of the opening of the school.

h.

Obverse: MEMBER FRANKLIN CLUB over crossed pens over an open book.
Reverse: ADJUDGED/BY THE/SCHOOL COMMITTEE/AS A/REWARD OF MERIT/TO/1790
33 mm. Silver. Storer 388. The Franklin Dining Club was founded in 1903 and the medal in 1904. It is included because of its similarity to Franklin medal number 3. This medal was probably awarded to members of an alumni group whose members had once received Franklin School Medals.

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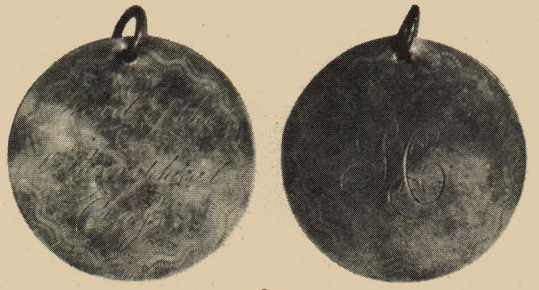
The author would appreciate any information on Boston School Medals, especially the Franklin and City medals. Information concerning unlisted pieces and the dates of listed pieces would be especially welcome. Please send all correspondence to John M. Sallay, c/o American Numismatic Association.—Editor.

b.

Obverse: E. WAKEFEILD (sic) in script. Below, a detailed hemisphere. Ornamental border.

Reverse: GEOGRAPHY in script. Ornamental border.

Completely engraved. Oval. 39mm by 30 mm Silver. Weinberg.



c.

Obverse: HEAD OF THE/ORTHOGRAPHICAL/CLASS in script. Ornamental border.

Reverse: Monogram in ornamental border.

Completely hand engraved on a silver planchet. 33 mm. Weinberg.

d.

Obverse: BOSTON COLLEGE,/1872 in script

Reverse: SECOND CLASS OF ARITH. 2ndDIV./WILLIAM C. McGEE. in script.

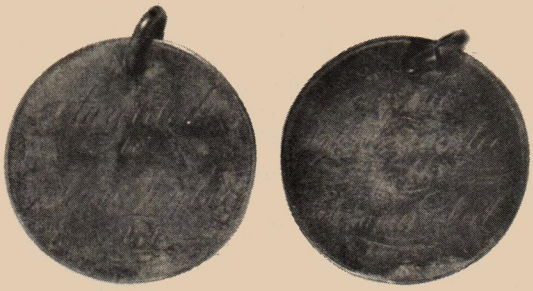
Completely engraved on a maltese cross shaped silver planchet. 54 mm by 54 mm. Holed for suspension.

b.

Obverse: (around periphery) COMMITTEE OF THE FRANKLIN SCHOOL (center) FROM/JOHN FLINT,/WM. A. JARVIS,/GEO. SPARHAWK

Reverse: TO/MARIA PRATT./AS A TESTIMONY/OF THEIR RESPECT/1839.

Completely engraved in script on an octagonal silver planchet holed at top for wearing. 37 mm. by 36 mm. Weinberg.



12. Brimmer School

Obverse: AWARDED/TO/JOHN TAYLOR/1851 in script

Reverse: BY THE/SUB COMMITTEE/OF THE/BRIMMER SCHOOL in script

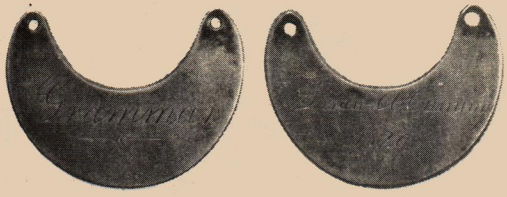
Completely engraved. Silver. 33 mm. Holed, with ring.

13. Park Latin School

Obverse: PARK/LATIN SCHOOL/1867 in script

Reverse: CONDUCT/ALFRED E. MULLETT in script

Both sides completely engraved. Ornamental borders, holed. 39 mm. Gold. Bostonian Society.



14. Miscellaneous

a.

Obverse: GRAMMAR in script.

Reverse: SUSAN A. CUMMINGS/1829 in script

Completely engraved on a silver, crescent shaped planchet. 31 mm by 28 mm. Holed at points for suspension.

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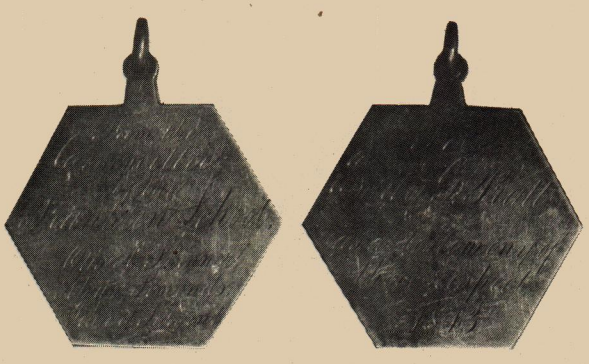


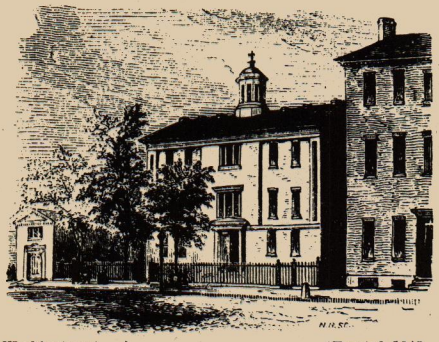
11. Franklin School

a.

Obverse: FROM THE/COMMITTEE/OF THE/FRANKLIN SCHOOL,/OTIS A. SKINNER,/ALVAN SIMONDS,/JOHN T. SARGENT.

Reverse: TO/EMILY G. PRATT,/AS A TESTIMONY OF/THEIR RESPECT,/1843.

Completely engraved in script on a hexagonal silver planchet with a loop at top a part of the flan. 38 mm vertically by 36 mm horizontally. Weinberg.



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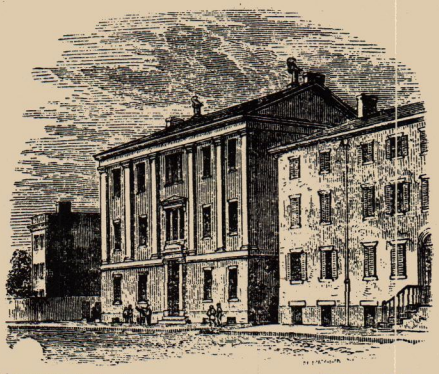

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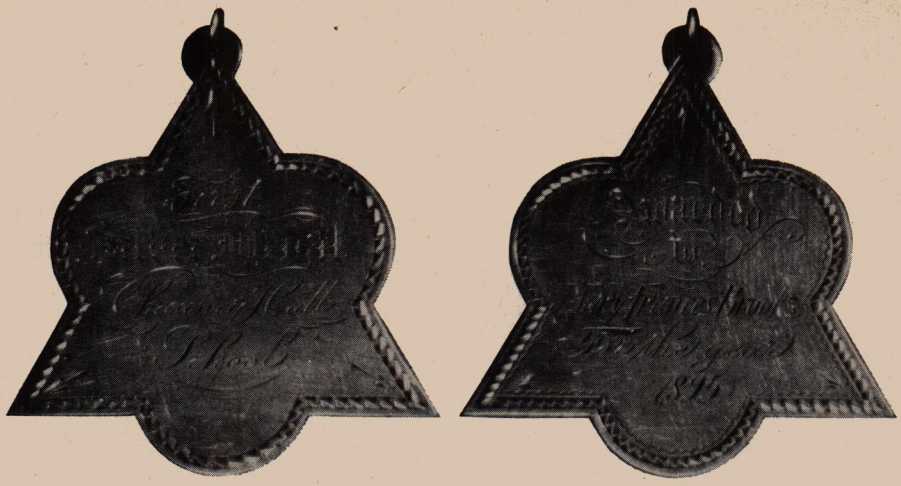
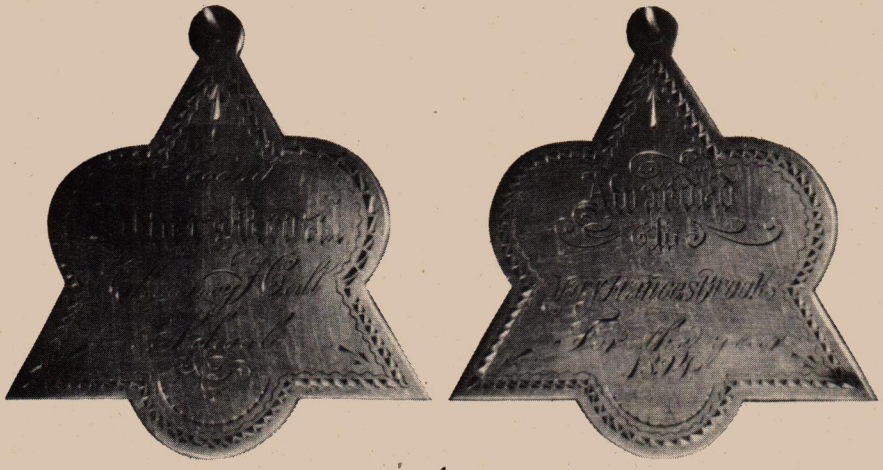


e.

Obverse: FIRST/SILVER MEDAL/CHAUNCY HALL/SCHOOL in script. Very ornamental.

Reverse: AWARDED/TO/MARY FRANCES BROOKS./FOR THE YEAR/1895. in script. Very ornamental.

Completely engraved on a modified triangular planchet. Silver, looped. 60 mm from corner to corner.



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Reverse: AWARDED/TO/MARY FRANCES BROOKS/FOR THE YEAR/1894. in script. Very ornamental.

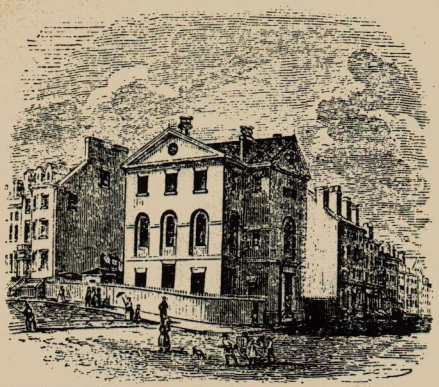
Completely engraved on a modified triangular planchet. Silver, looped. 60 mm from corner to corner.

10. Cambridge Primary School

Obverse: PRIMARY SCHOOL/CAMBRIDGE/DIST. No. 5/TO/JULIA PADDOCK in script.

Reverse: TOKEN OF MERIT in script.

Completely engraved. Rectangular with concave corners. 56 mm by 40 mm. Silver. Weinberg.



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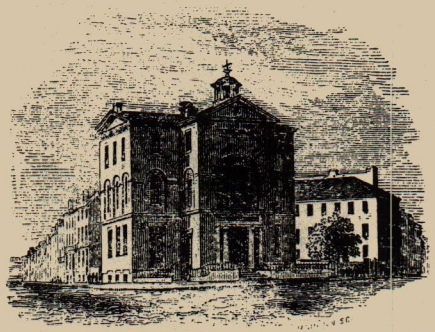

Pinckney street. Established, 1844. } **PHILLIPS SCHOOL.** { Erected, 1823–5. Cost, $24,484.03.

6. Wells School

Obverse: WELLS SCHOOL in script. Ornamental border.

Reverse: C.W. TO E.O.L. in script. Ornamental border.

Completely engraved. Heart shaped. 40 mm vertically by 37 mm horizontally. Holed at top. Silver. Bostonian Society.

Wells was established in 1833 as the first coed grammar school in Boston but became an all girls school in 1845.

7. Phillips School

Obverse: PHILLIPS SCHOOL/1st CLASS in script

Reverse: PRESENTED BY/Dr. A. ANDERSON/1833

Inscriptions engraved on prepared planchet with ornamental borders and reeded edge. 46 mm. Silver. Storer 646. Bostonian Society.

8. (unknown school)

Obverse: MERIT/JAN. 1st./1836 in script

Reverse: Plain

Completely engraved on a crescent shaped silver planchet. 36mm vertically by 48 mm horizontally. Holed at points and fitted with small rings for suspension. Bostonian Society.

9. Chauncy Hall School

a.

Obverse: CORRECT LESSONS & DEPORTMENT around. FIRST PRIZE/CHAUNCY HALL SCHOOL/BOSTON.

Reverse: DISTINGUISHED APPROBATION around. AWARDED/TO/JAMES GODDARD/DEC. 31 1832.

Both sides completely engraved. Ornamental borders, holed, fitted with ring, reeded edge. 45mm. Gold. Bostonian Society.

b.

Obverse: THIRD PRIZE/CHAUNCY HALL in script/SCHOOL in script

Reverse: AWARDED/TO/SAML. T. CUSHING, JR./DEC. 31, 1859. in script.

Both sides completely engraved. Ornamental borders, holed, fitted with ring. 43 mm. Silver. Bostonian Society.

c.

Obverse: THIRD/SILVER MEDAL/CHAUNCY HALL/SCHOOL in script

Reverse: AWARDED/-TO-/CHARLES DAVIS JR./DECEMBER 31st.,/1861 in script

Both sides completely engraved. Ornamental borders, holed. 44 mm. Silver. Bostonian Society.

d.

Obverse: SECOND in script/SILVER MEDAL in Gothic script /CHAUNCY HALL/SCHOOL in script

Reverse: AWARDED/TO/SAMUEL T. CUSHING/DECEMBER 31st.,/1861.

Both sides completely engraved. Ornamental borders, holed, reeded edge. 60 mm. Silver. Bostonian Society.

b.

Obverse: SCHOLAE LATINAE/BOSTONIENSIS/1829.
Reverse: AWARDED/TO/T.M. BREWER/FOR A/TRANSⁿ. FROM/OVID.
Completely engraved. 36 mm. Silver. Storer 192. Massachusetts Historical Society.

c.

Obverse: SCHOLAE LATINAE/BOSTONIENSIS/1830.
Reverse: AWARDED/TO/THOˢ. M. BREWER/FOR A/TRANSⁿ. FROM/CICERO.
Completely engraved. 45 mm. Silver. Storer 193. Massachusetts Historical Society.

d.

Obverse: SCHOLAE LATINAE/BOSTONIENSIS/1831.
Reverse: T.M. BREWER/INDUSTRIAE/PRAEMIUM
Completely engraved. 37 mm. Silver. Storer 194. Massachusetts Historical Society.

e.

Obverse: SCHOLAE LATINAE/BOSTONIENSIS/1831
Reverse: (name)/INDUSTRIAE/PRAEMIUM
Completely engraved in script. 30 mm. Silver. Storer 195. Sallay.

f.

Obverse: AWARDED BY/THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE/TO/.../FOR INDUSTRY AND/GOOD CONDUCT
Reverse: PUBLIC LATIN/SCHOOL/OF/BOSTON/1833
Completely engraved in script. 29 mm. Silver. Storer 196.

g.

Obverse: PALMA NON SINE PULVERE The Parthenon with Phallas standing in foreground, crowning the foremost of the band of youths.
Reverse: SCHOLAE LATINAE/FILIO DIGNO/..../AB URBE/PRO MERITIS/DATUM/MDCCCXXIII
Heavy gold oval. Given by Hon. James Lloyd in 1823 and 1824 to the head boys of the Boston Latin School and the High School. Storer 197.

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3. Eliot Writing School

Obverse: TOKEN OF APPROBATION/ELIOT WRITING SCHOOL/1828 in script, Ornamental border.

Reverse: AWARDED/TO..../FOR EXCELLENCE IN/ARITHMETICK in script, Ornamental border.

Completely engraved. Kidney shaped. 40mm by 52 mm. Silver. Storer 345. Eliot School was a public grammar school established in 1713. Bostonian Society, Weinberg.

a.

4. Adams School

Obverse: CONFER'D AT THE ADAMS SCHOOL/APRIL 1829

Reverse: (name)

Completely engraved. A silver ornate shield. 54 mm by 40 mm. Storer 86. Massachusetts Historical Society.

b.

Obverse: CONFERED AT THE/ADAMS SCHOOL/AUGt. 1829.

Reverse: (name)

Completely engraved. A silver crescent. 43mm by 34 mm. Storer 85. In MHS. Adams was a Boston public school established in 1717 as two distinct parts - Centre Writing School and Centre Reading School. They were joined in 1812 and renamed Adams in 1821.

5. Boston Latin School

a.

Obverse: SCHOLAE LATINAE/BOSTONIENSIS/1828.

Reverse: AWARDED/TO/T.M. BREWER/FOR A TRANSn FROM/VIRI ROMAE

Completely engraved. Octagonal. 35 mm. Copper. Storer 191. Massachusetts Historical Society.

b.

Obverse: HEAD/1st ORTHOGRAPHICAL/CLASS in script. Ornamental border.

Reverse: MRS. ROWSONS/ACADEMY/MAY 1817 in script. Ornamental border.

Both sides completely engraved. Oval. 45mm by 33 mm. Silver. Storer 678. Weinberg.

c.

Obverse: HEAD/1st GRAMMATICAL/CLASS in script. Ornamental borders.

Reverse: MRS. ROWSONS/ACADEMY/MAY 1817 in script. Ornamental borders.

Both sides completely engraved. Oval. 45 mm by 33 mm. Silver. Weinberg.

d.

Obverse: HEAD/OF 2nd/GEOGRAPHICAL/CLASS in script. Simple border.

Reverse: MRS ROWSONS/ACADEMY/1819. in script. Simple border.

Both sides completely engraved. Oval. 32mm by 25mm. Silver. Bostonian Society, Weinberg.

e.

Obverse: HEAD/OF 2nd/...../CLASS

Reverse: MRS/ROWSONS/ACADEMY/1819

Both sides completely engraved. Oval. 32 mm by 25mm. Silver. Storer 679.

f.

Obverse: CLASS/NO 1 in script. Ornamental border.

Reverse: Plain, ornamental border.

Completely engraved. Oval. 41mm by 30 mm. Silver. Storer 680. Weinberg.

Date	Number	Date	Number	Date	Number	Date	Number
1849	56	1853	89	1858	104	1863	128
1850	66	1854	96	1859	112	1864	133
1851	84	1855	96	1860	128	1865	142
1852	84	1856	93	1861	124	1866	136
		1857	96	1862	116		

Rarity Scale

R4	76-200	very scarce
R5	31-75	rare
R6	13-30	very rare
R7	4-12	extremely rare
R8	1-3	unique, or nearly so

Franklin Medals

F-1	mid R7
F-2	R8
F-3	high R5
F-4	R8
F-5	high R6
F-6	high R7
F-7	mid R7
F-8	mid R7
F-9	R4
F-10	R6
F-11	R5
F-12	R7

City Medals

C-1	R7
C-2	high R6
C-3	high R6
C-4	R6
C-5	high R7
C-6	mid R7
C-7	high R7
C-8	R4

Known Pieces

There are four major collections of Boston School Medals known to the author, of which only two are private. The most complete collection resides in the Massachusetts Historical Society. It was formed decades ago by Malcolm Storer, while he was curator of the Society's numismatic collections, and contains 28 pieces of 13 different types (out of a possible 20). Also among the 28 pieces are four unissued medals—three in bronze and one in silver.

The Bostonian Society collection contains thirteen pieces of eight different types. Society records indicate that there may have been many more medals which were stolen about twenty years ago.

The largest private collections are those of the author and Alan V. Weinberg. Each is comprised of about thirty pieces. At last count, the Weinberg collection had twelve different types and two bronze pieces. The author's collection contains eleven types and one unissued silver medal.

Other pieces reside in the collections of Charles Wallace, William Anton, Richard August, James Skalbe, The American Numismatic Society and the Boston Public Library.

Related School Medals

Included in this list are some early school awards given at Boston public and private schools, arranged chronologically by school.

1. Salem Street Academy

Obverse: Globe, below and to right a telescope, below that an open book, and two crossed twigs. Around, SCIENTIAM PERJEGUERE RELIGIONEM in script. Simple saw-tooth border.

Reverse: SSA/1818 in script. Simple saw-tooth border.

Diamond shaped, 52 mm vertically point to point by 39 mm horizontally point to point. Both sides completely engraved. Holed at top and fitted with ring, for suspension. Silver. Bostonian Society.

2. Mrs. William (Susanna) Rowson School

a.

Obverse: HEAD/1st ARITHMETICAL/CLASS in script. Ornamental border.

Reverse: MRS. ROWSONS/ACADEMY/MAY 1817 in script. Ornamental border.

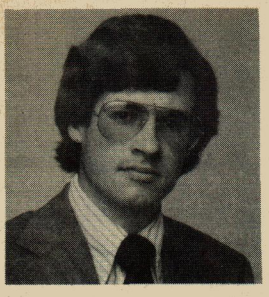
Both sides completely engraved. Oval. 45 mm vertically by 31 mm horizontally. Silver. Bostonian Society.

Franklin Medals Awarded

Date	Number	Date	Number	Date	Number	Date	Number
1792	14	1838	41	1885	19	1932	26
1793	17	1839	44	1886	22	1933	20
1794	—	1840	44	1887	25	1934	19
1795	5	1841	44	1888	21	1935	21
1796	6	1842	48	1889	22	1936	21
1797	—	1843	51	1890	18	1937	20
1798	—	1844	51	1891	22	1938	21
1799	9	1845	58	1892	28	1939	21
1800	5	1846	61	1893	17	1940	21
1801	7	1847	63	1894	20	1941	21
1802	6	1848	68	1895	22	1942	19
1803	11	1849	73	1896	17	1943	20
1804	12	1850	82	1897	23	1944	19
1805	11	1851	86	1898	19	1945	21
1806	10	1852	92	1899	22	1946	21
1807	13	1853	91	1900	24	1947	21
1808	17	1854	95	1901	25	1948	19
1809	15	1855	108	1902	28	1949	21
1810	14	1856	94	1903	25	1950	21
1811	13	1857	94	1904	25	1951	21
1812	11	1858	106	1905	24	1952	20
1813	6	1859	113	1906	25	1053	21
1814	12	1860	110	1907	25	1954	21
1815	14	1861	107	1908	22	1955	21
1816	15	1862	97	1909	19	1956	22
1817	11	1863	100	1910	22	1957	22
1818	6	1864	101	1911	24	1958	22
1819	19	1865	114	1912	21	1959	22
1820	39	1866	130	1913	21	1960	22
1821	41	1867	134	1914	28	1961	25
1822	24	1868	9	1915	26	1962	23
1823	56	1869	18	1916	26	1963	22
1824	37	1870	24	1917	26	1964	23
1825	57	1871	33	1918	32	1965	24
1826	58	1872	29	1919	28	1966	24
1827	56	1873	26	1920	29	1967	24
1828	58	1874	22	1921	25	1968	22
1829	59	1875	22	1922	22	1969	23
1830	54	1876	26	1923	23	1970	19
1831	37	1877	25	1924	26	1971	23
1832	35	1878	25	1925	24	1972	21
1833	35	1879	15	1926	24	1973	27
1834	38	1880	26	1927	25	1974	21
1835	38	1881	25	1928	25	1975	22
1836	38	1882	16	1929	24	1976	26
1837	38	1883	18	1930	25	1977	23
		1884	26	1931	26		

City Medals Awarded

Date	Number	Date	Number	Date	Number	Date	Number
1821	37	1828	46	1835	—	1842	40
1822	—	1829	46	1836	27	1843	42
1823	48	1830	40	1837	34	1844	43
1824	—	1831	—	1838	35	1845	47
1825	44	1832	—	1839	33	1846	50
1826	44	1833	—	1840	34	1847	none
1827	44	1834	—	1841	41	1848	67



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Condition

Boston School Medals were given to children, many of whom lacked the motivation to take special care of their medals. While a few gem proof quality pieces exist, most are grade EF or so. Many display the scratches, edge nicks, and dents acquired from years of kicking around in drawers and jewelry boxes. Some have been terribly mistreated.

A few of the nicer pieces still have the original neck ribbons with which they were awarded. City Medals were awarded with white neck ribbons, and the Franklin Medals hung on a light blue neck ribbon. The Latin School medals were awarded on a purple ribbon, but I haven't seen any of the purple ribbons. The Bostonian Society has a City Medal with fragments of a blue and white checkered ribbon and a late nineteenth century Franklin Medal with a gray satin ribbon. The ribbons are usually about an inch wide and almost two feet long, doubled.

Number of Pieces Awarded

No official records of recipients' names were kept before 1836, but some names and numbers were available in contemporary papers, etc. The pre-1836 numbers given therefore represent a minimum. It is felt that 35-45 pieces were given each year from 1821 to 1836. Most of the names are available in the Annual Report of the Boston School Committee for 1857 and 1975. The School Committee has records of the awards since 1875, but numbers only exist for the period from around 1896 to 1930 or so.

A few duplicate medals have been issued to recipients who lost theirs, and these are not included in the figures. The 1849 Boston Almanac mentions, for instance, that "William Savage, one of the original recipients, lost his, it having been stolen from his house, and he petitioned to the City for a new one in 1820, which was readily granted." The American Numismatic Society reportedly has a Franklin number 9 dated 1832, probably prepared to replace a Wright & Bale medal that was lost by the recipient.

Rarity and Value

While the historical value of these pieces is tremendous, a monetary price naturally depends on supply and demand. Almost 8,000 Boston School Medals of at least twenty different types have been awarded over the past 185 years, but the medals are very scarce. Some types are very rare. Many of the known medals reside in museum collections, and only a few large private collections are known. Some of the medals are still cherished by descendents of the recipients, while others can be found in dealer junkboxes and collections of unknowledgeable collectors.

Monetary value depends a great deal on the rarity and condition of the piece in question but is also heavily influenced by other factors. One collector is reported to have refused an offer of $1000 for a very rare early piece, while the author once found an early school medal in a junkbox for two dollars. Most pieces, however, sell in the $10-$30 range with a few scarcer types bringing more.

These rarity ratings represent the numbers known in the hands of museums and knowledgeable collectors and dealers. While these figures will change as more medals come to light, they are indicative of the relative rarity of each type. Pieces under a hundred years old are more scarce than award figures indicate because many of the medals are still held by the recipient or his family.

Summary Listing*

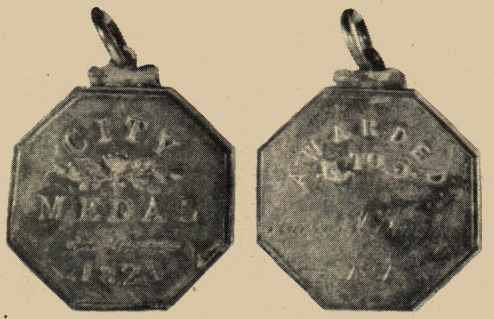
Franklin Medals	MHS Storer	Storer	Fuld
F-1 Crossed Quills, engraved 1792-1799	2	381	1
F-2 Detur Digniori, engraved 1793-(1823 at latest)	3	399	3
F-3 Crossed Quills, struck 1800-(1828)	1	390	2
F-4 Wright & Bale, type 1 (1831)	4	395	5
F-5 Wright & Bale, type 2 (1833)-(1844)	5	392 393 394	4
F-6 Wright & Bale, type 3 (1846)	6	398 400	8 9
F-7 Simple design, engraved 1847-1850	7	396 401 403	6
F-8 Simple design, struck 1851	8	404	10
F-9 Mint struck, type 1 1852-1881(?)	9	405(copper) 406(trial) 407 408(lg.) 409(bronze)	 11 12(trial)
F-10 Mint struck, type 2 (1883)-1896	10	—	13
F-11 Mint struck, type 3 1897-1953	—	—	—
F-12 Current piece 1954-present	—	—	14

Storer 397 is a smaller piece in tin, probably not connected with the series. Storer 402, Fuld 7 is probably not an award piece, but a commemorative piece associated with the opening of the Franklin School. Storer 64 is probably not a City Medal.

City Medals	Storer
C-1 Town Medal, engraved 1821	—
C-2 City Medal, engraved 1822-1827	68
C-3 City Medal, struck hexagonal 1829-(1834)	67
C-4 Struck hexagonal, type 2 (1837)-(1843)	—
C-5 Hexagonal, simple engraved (1845)	—
C-6 Hexagonal, simple engraved type 2 (1847)-1850	—
C-7 Simple design, struck octagonal 1851	65
C-8 Mint struck 1852-1866	66

*Parentheses indicate earliest or latest known date, where there is a question of the exact changeover date.

C-6



C-7

Obverse: CITY/(spray of roses)/MEDAL/(floral ornament)/1821

Reverse: AWARDED/(ornament)TO(ornament)/(name)/(date).

30 mm. Silver. Struck from dies. Octagonal, with a loop attached to the top. This piece resembles Franklin school medal number 8 in style and was awarded in the same year, 1851. The only known piece is in the MHS collection. Storer 65.

C-8

Obverse: On a scroll, CITY MEDAL. Below, a view of the city of Boston in an ornate eliptical frame. Below the frame, 1821.

Reverse: On a scroll, AWARDED TO. Below a name space, a rose and two twigs. Below that, signed in exergue, F.N. MITCHELL.Sc. Same as the reverse of Franklin medal number 9.

33 mm. Silver, bronze. This design was used from 1852 until the last City Medals were awarded in 1866. They were struck at the United States Mint. A few bronze pieces are known, and an unawarded medal in silver is in the collection of the author. Storer 66.

31 mm. Silver. Hexagonal, with loop in the middle of the top side that is part of the planchet. This was the first struck City Medal. It was first issued in 1828, and the latest known piece is dated 1834. The "21" of 1821 was originally on the die but is very weak on all pieces examined. The 21 was never re-engraved onto the die and had to be hand engraved on each individual medal. Storer 67.

C-4

Obverse: CITY MEDAL / FOR FEMALES / INSTITUTED BY THE / SCHOOL COMMITTEE/BOSTON/18(21 engraved). Only slightly different from number 3 in positioning and size of the letters.

Reverse: MERITED/BY/(name)/FOR/SUPERIOR SCHOLARSHIP/A.D. 18 (rest of date engraved).The peripheral ornament is different, and the letters are slightly larger than on the preceding piece.

31 mm. Silver, bronze. Hexagonal, with a loop in the middle of the top side that is part of the planchet. This piece was probably struck from re-engraved dies from the preceding type. The earliest known piece is dated 1837 and the latest 1843.

C-5

Obverse: CITY MEDAL-INST.^{d} BY THE / SCHOOL COMMITTEE / BOSTON/1821 in script.

Reverse: MERITED/BY/(name)/(date) in script.

Both sides completely engraved. 31 mm. Silver. Hexagonal, with loop in the middle of the top side of the planchet. The only known pieces are dated 1845, one awarded to E.A. Lathrop and the other to A. Cooper.

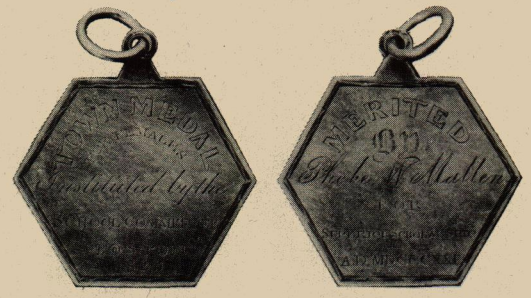
C-6

Obverse: CITY/MEDAL in script.

Reverse: AWARDED/TO/(name)/(date) in script.

Both sides completely engraved. 31 mm(?). Silver. Hexagonal, with loop in the middle of the top side that is part of the planchet. A piece is referred to in the Boston School Committee records awarded to H.J. Dill in 1850. A specimen was also awarded to Catherine E. Fullam in 1849.

City Medals for Girls

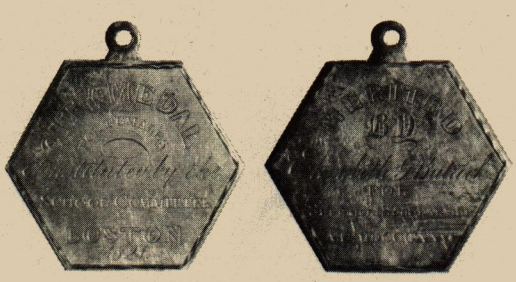


C-1

Obverse: TOWN MEDAL/FOR FEMALES/INSTITUTED BY THE/SCHOOL COMMITTEE/BOSTON/1821.

Reverse: MERITED/BY/(name)/FOR/SUPERIOR SCHOLARSHIP/A.D. (date in Roman numerals).

Both sides completely engraved on a plain silver planchet with ornamented peripheries. 32 mm. Hexagonal, with loop in the middle of the top side of the planchet. The only known piece is dated 1821.

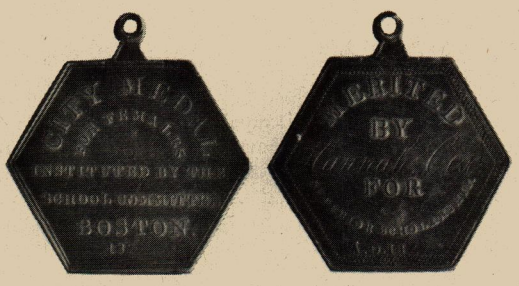


C-2

Obverse: CITY MEDAL/FOR FEMALES/INSTITUTED BY THE/SCHOOL COMMITTEE/BOSTON./1821.

Reverse: MERITED/BY/(name)/FOR/SUPERIOR SCHOLARSHIP/A.D. (date in Roman numerals).

Both sides completely engraved on a plain silver planchet with ornamented peripheries. 32 mm. Hexagonal, with loop in the middle of the top side that is part of the planchet. This piece was awarded from 1822 to 1827. Storer 68.



C-3

Obverse: CITY MEDAL/FOR FEMALES/INSTITUTED BY THE/SCHOOL COMMITTEE/BOSTON/18(21 - very faintly struck)

Reverse: MERITED/BY/(name)/FOR/SUPERIOR SCHOLARSHIP/A.D. 18 (rest of date engraved). The peripheral ornament consists of small, narrow elipses in a line, about 25 on each of the six sides.

F-11

Obverse: Bust of Franklin to left. THE GIFT OF FRANKLIN/MDCCXC. On shoulder, MITCHELL. This die was cut in 1897 to replace the cracked obverse die. The bust is the same but is positioned differently, as is the inscription. The leaves flanking the date on the preceding type were deleted.

Reverse: On a scroll, AWARDED TO. Below, a rose and two twigs. Same as number 10.

33 mm. Silver. This piece is only slightly different from the preceding. The dies were used without difficulty until 1947, when the Mint suggested that new dies be made. Pacetti reworked some of the lettering on the dies, and the refurbished dies were used until 1953.

F-11a

A die trial in Britannia metal was made by Pacetti after the re-engraving and is now in the possession of the Boston School Committee.

F-12

Obverse: Bust of Franklin to left. THE GIFT OF FRANKLIN/MDCCXC. On shoulder, MITCHELL.

Reverse: On a scroll, AWARDED TO. Below, a rose and two twigs.

33 mm. Silver. This piece was struck from dies made in 1954 from the dies used for number 11. It is essentially the same, but much of the detail was lost in the transfer process and this piece has a deep gray satin surface instead of the prooflike surface on previous medals.

F-8

Obverse: GIFT/(ornament) OF (ornament)/FRANKLIN/(ornament)/1788.
Reverse: AWARDED/TO/(name)/(date).
33 mm. Silver. This piece was struck from dies but used only for the 1851 awards. Fuld 10, Storer 404, MHS Storer 8.

F-9

Obverse: Bust of Franklin to left. THE GIFT OF FRANKLIN/MDCCXC with a leaf on either side of the date. On the shoulder, MITCHELL.
Reverse: On a scroll, AWARDED TO. Below a name space, a rose and two twigs. Below that, signed in exergue, F.N. MITCHELL. Sc.
33 mm. Silver, bronze. The medals were struck at the United States Mint and were first used in 1852. The reverse die was replaced about 1881 and the obverse die in 1897. Fuld 11, Storer 407, MHS Storer 9, Appleton VIII, Holland 3244, Davis 1611, 1612, Bushnell 1579, 1581, 1582. Storer 408 is an oversized piece (35 mm) and Storer 409 is the same piece struck in bronze. Fuld 12 is a silver trial piece of the dies before the obverse inscription and reverse sprays were cut. This trial is also listed as Woodward 378 and Storer 406, but is probably unique. Woodward 377 (Storer 405) gives the date on the obverse as MD.CC.XC., but on examination of the illustration of the piece in the catalogue it is felt this is an error.

F-10

Obverse: Bust of Franklin to left. THE GIFT OF FRANKLIN/MDCCXC with a leaf on either side of the date. On the shoulder, MITCHELL. Same as number 9.
Reverse: On a scroll, AWARDED TO. Below, a rose and two twigs. The letters are somewhat larger than on number 9. The twigs are longer and the signature is missing.
33 mm. Silver. Fuld 13. The variety is only slightly different from the preceding and was struck to replace the cracked reverse die.

F-6

Obverse: Bust of Franklin facing left. Around, GIFT OF FRANKLIN A.D. 1788. Signed WRIGHT & BALE N.Y. below. Small W on shoulder. Same as number 4.

Reverse: REWARD OF MERIT (in field)/BY THE (in scroll work)/SCHOOL COMMITTEE/TO/(name)/(date).

31 mm. Silver. The only known examples of this piece are both dated 1846. Fuld 6, Storer 400, MHS Storer 6, Bushnell 1577.

F-7

Obverse: GIFT OF/FRANKLIN/A.D. 1788. In script. Scalloping around periphery.

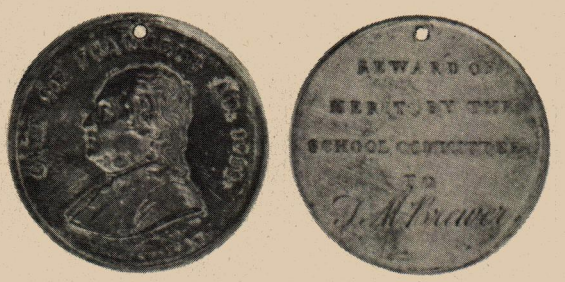
Reverse: AWARDED/TO/(name)/(date) in script. Scalloping around periphery.

Both sides completely engraved. 33 mm. Silver. According to Storer (MHS Proceedings), "For a few years about 1848, apparently from motives of economy, no regular Franklin medals were issued and in their stead the School Committee used a simple, and cheaper, silver planchet with an engraved inscription." In *Numismatics of Massachusetts,* he adds the following: "As income from the Franklin gift was not sufficient to award medals to all deserving them, the so-called 'Committee Medal' was devised, which always occurs engraved . . . For some years, 1847 to 1850 both inclusive, the Franklin medal was a plain planchet of silver." The only known pieces (3) are dated 1848 and carry the above inscriptions. Fuld 9, Storer 396, 403, MHS Storer 7.

Fuld's number 8, which carries the engraved obverse inscription AWARDED/BY THE/SUB-COMMITTEE/TO/(name) in script and BOYLSTON (or other) SCHOOL in script on the reverse was listed by Storer as 401, but no piece is known for confirmation. Storer's description of the reverse of 403, AWARDED/BY THE/SCHOOL COMMITTEE/TO/(name) was erroneous. The MHS piece awarded to J. Leighton in 1848 which was supposed to carry this inscription says simply AWARDED/TO/J. LEIGHTON/1848 on the reverse. In his MHS Proceedings listing of the medals, Storer mentions a completely engraved medal given to F.W. Tileston in 1850 with GIFT OF/FRANKLIN in script on the obverse and AWARDED/TO/(name)/(date) on the reverse. The type may exist, but Storer did not include it in his later *Numismatics of Massachusetts* listing, nor is it listed by Fuld.

Reverse: ADJUDGED/BY THE/SCHOOL COMMITTEE/AS A/REWARD OF MERIT/TO/(name).

Diameter ranges from 33 to 35 mm. Silver. This was the first struck school medal and was first used in 1800. The final issue date is in doubt, but the latest known piece is from 1828. Die rust in the obverse field to the left of the book develops noticeably about 1815. The engraving on the pieces varies from year to year. There is frequently only the name of the recipient. The year of the award is engraved on about one half of the medals examined. One known piece is engraved with the month and year, "Henry C. Jefson"/"Aug 1819," another with the whole date, "Thomas Keefe"/"Augst 24th 1815", and one has the age of the recipient, "1802"/"Chas Cunningham"/"Aged 11." Fuld 2, Storer 390, MHS Storer 2, Appleton XLVII, Bushnell 1575.



F-4

Obverse: Bust of Franklin facing left. Around, GIFT OF FRANKLIN A.D. 1788. Signed WRIGHT & BALE N.Y. below Small W on shoulder.

Reverse: REWARD OF-MERIT BY THE/SCHOOL COMMITTEE/TO/(name).

32 mm. Silver. Wright & Bale was a very reputable firm of die cutters who executed certain Washington medals,among others.The only known example of this type is in the Massachusetts Historical Society collection. It was awarded to Thomas M. Brewer in 1831. Fuld 5, Storer 395, MHS Storer 4.

F-5

Obverse: Bust of Franklin facing left. Around, GIFT OF FRANKLIN A.D. 1788. Signed WRIGHT & BALE N.Y. below. Small W on shoulder. Same as number 4.

Reverse: REWARD OF/MERIT BY THE/SCHOOL COMMITTEE/TO/(name). Signed below STIMPSON. Very similar to number 4. Positioning of the letters is slightly different and, of course, there is the addition of the signature.

Planchets vary in size from 32 to 34 mm. Silver, copper, tin. The earliest known piece of this type is dated 1833 and the latest 1844. The signatures WRIGHT & BALE and STIMPSON become very weak between 1834 and 1837 and were not re-engraved into the die until about 1843. Thus, the similar pieces Storer listed (apparently from old catalogues) which lacked signatures on the obverse or either side are felt to be the same piece. Fuld 4, Storer 392, 393 (tin), 394 (not signed on obverse), MHS Storer 5, Appleton VII, Woodward 374, 375, 376, Bushnell 1582, 1583.

Franklin Medals for Boys

F-1

Obverse: THE GIFT OF/FRANKLIN above. Two crossed quills over an open book.

Reverse: ADJUDGED/BY/THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE/AS/A REWARD OF MERIT/TO/(name)/(date).

Both sides completely engraved. 35mm. Silver. Some pieces are holed and fitted with a ring, while the ring is simply soldered on others. The first medals were issued in January, 1793, but were dated for the preceding June. The last engraved medals of this type were awarded in 1799. Fuld 1, Storer 391, MHS Storer 2, Bushnell 1574.

F-2

Obverse: DETUR DIGNIORI above a stack of books.

Reverse: FRANKLINS / DONATION / ADJUDGED BY THE / SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE/TOWN OF BOSTON/TO/(name)/(date).

Both sides completely engraved. 33 mm. Silver. Storer and Fuld report the reverse inscription as ADJUDGED / BY THE / SCHOOL COMMITTEE / AS A / REWARD OF MERIT/—TO—/(name) after an 1809 piece described by Green. No example is known for confirmation. This type is extremely rare. Only two pieces are known to exist. Fuld 3, Storer 399, MHS Storer 3.

F-3

Obverse: THE GIFT OF/FRANKLIN above. Below, crossed quills over an open book. The periphery is a delicate circle of laurel.

in 1897 at a cost of $100, similar in appearance to the first obverse die by Mitchell.

The medals continued to be struck by the Mint until 1948. The 1945 medals were not awarded until 1946, since the Mint was so tied up with Army and Navy decorations that they were unable to strike medals for the Boston School Committee. By 1947 the old dies were in such bad shape that the Superintendent of the Mint sent them to the School Committee suggesting that replacements be made. The dies were cleaned up in 1947 by Pacetti, a Boston diemaker, and this apparently satisfied the Mint.

The 1948 medals were the last struck by the U.S. Mint. In a letter dated April 7, 1948, the Mint Superintendent informed the Boston School Committee: "It has been decreed that the Mint not enter into competition with private industry in the manufacture of medals, galvanos, etc., wherever private industry can and will do the work. Therefore, in the future, you are advised that you should contact commercial sources for your requirements in this field." The Mint returned the dies to the School Committee.

The 1949 medals were struck by Dieges & Clust of Providence, Rhode Island. Frederick T. Widmer of Boston struck the 1950 medals from the same set of dies, and N.G. Wood and Sons of Boston was responsible for the medals from 1951 until 1953.

By 1954, the dies were badly cracked and needed total replacement. The School Committee contacted Scholastic Jewelers of West Roxbury, Massachusetts, who raised hubs from the old dies in 1954 and prepared the dies which have been used to strike medals since then. Scholastic Jewelers was absorbed by Josten's in 1970, and this firm continues to annually strike about twenty medals for the Boston School Committee.

List of Varieties

The Boston School Medals have undergone many design changes since they were first awarded in 1792. The list that follows is thought to be complete in major varieties and has been arranged by Franklin Medals and City Medals in the chronological order of their issuance. Previous lists have contained many apparent errors, but there may very well be omissions or errors in this list since no complete set of medals is known. All pieces listed are documented.

Information concerning the early pieces is practically non-existent because many of the Boston School Committee records were thrown out in the late 1940's by one of their custodians. It has been easy to specify the periods during which some varieties were given because pieces are known for some consecutive years. For other varieties it is still impossible to precisely determine the issue period because too few pieces are known. It has been suggested that various dies were resurrected after being replaced by newer ones, so that the various types do not fall into specific periods. However, evidence indicates that this view is probably wrong. The School Committee's medal fund furnished only enough money for the medals, and new dies were ordered only when the old ones became unusable.

The awards were always made in silver. Some off-metal pieces are known but are much rarer than the awarded pieces. Only one unawarded silver piece is known to the author for each of the Franklin number 9 and City number 8 pieces (Massachusetts Historical Society and Sallay collections, respectively), but others probably exist.

The Boston schools gave many awards which are numismatically related, but this list is confined to pieces which were awarded by the Boston School Committee and funded by the interest from Franklin's bequest. Several related pieces have been deliberately deleted from the list since they were not a result of the Franklin Medal Fund, but they are listed at the end of the article since they are of similar historical interest.

quill medals were awarded until 1799. In 1800, awards were struck from dies that resembled the earlier medals in design. These dies were used until about 1830, but not all of these pieces carry the engraved date of award. While the early records (before 1836) are incomplete, most undated medals can be dated by finding the name of the recipient in the chronological list of medal winners published in the Annual Report of The Boston School Committee of either 1857 or 1875.

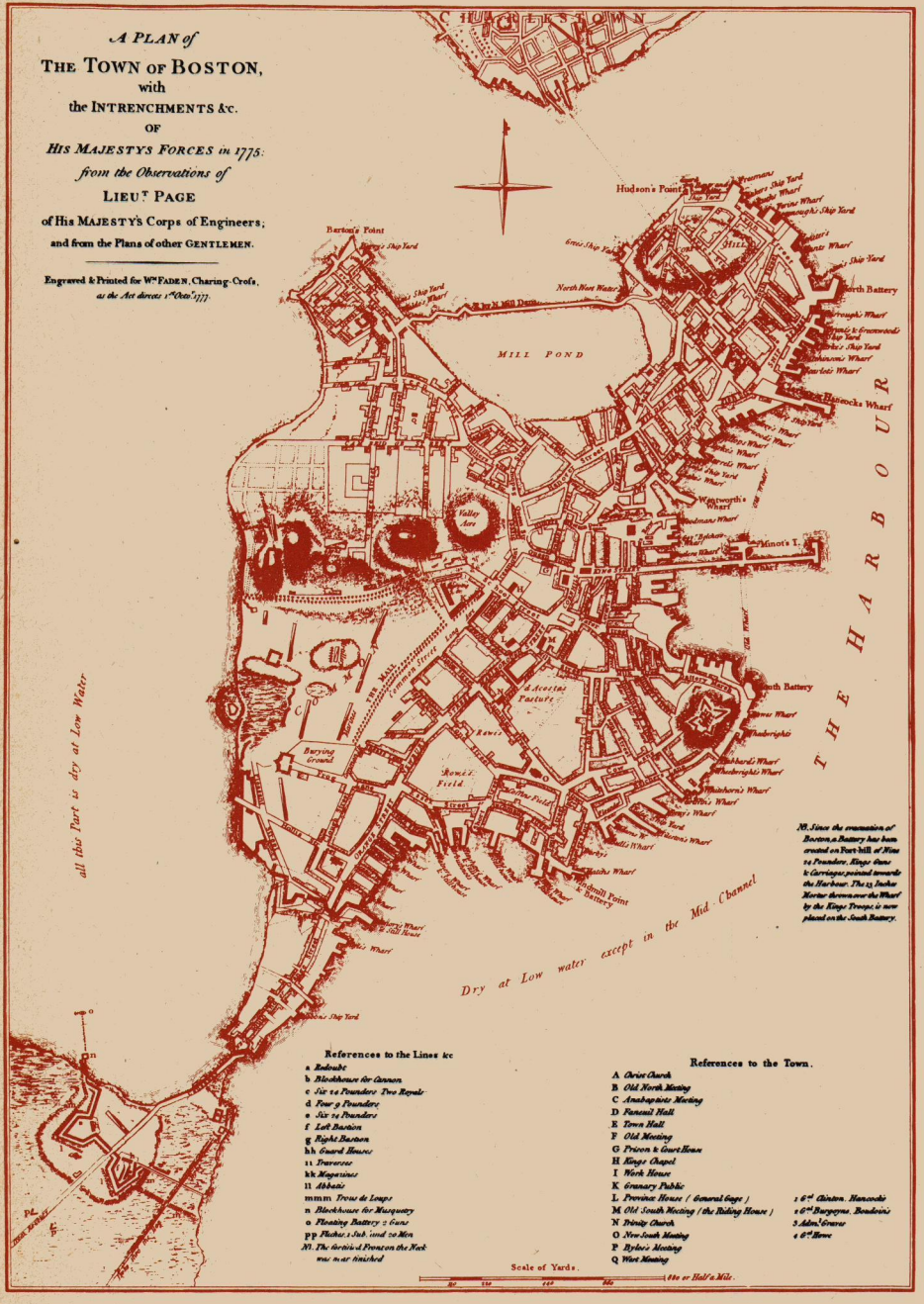
The first City Medals were totally engraved on a plain, hexagonal planchet of silver. A struck medal of similar design was substituted in 1828, and the dies for this piece were re-engraved in the early 1830's, yielding a slightly different appearance.

The first Franklin Medals to carry the bust of Franklin were struck by Wright & Bale in New York around 1830. This design continued to be used until about 1846, but three reverse dies were paired with the same obverse over the years. Another completely engraved piece was awarded in the late 1840's and a simple struck piece was used for the 1851 awards. While the engraved City Medals of the late 1840's were hexagonal, the struck City Medal of 1851 was octagonal and resembled the Franklin Medal of the same date.

In 1851, the Grammar School Committee suggested a new design, "viz: for the Franklin Medal a medallion head of Franklin surrounded by the words 'The Gift of Franklin,' with the date of their institution '1790'; for the City Medal for the Girls' schools, a view of the City of Boston within an ornamental border, around which are the words 'City Medal,' and the date of its institution by the School Committee '1821'." The dies, which were executed by Francis N. Mitchell of Boston, then considered one of the finest sculptors in the country, cost the city $100 for each of the two sets, and were the most intricate of the school medal series. They were then kept at the United States Mint, where they were used annually to strike the number of medals designated by the School Committee.

A number of off-metal pieces exist, most notably of bronze. It is presumed that the Mint occasionally succumbed to the temptation to strike off copies for sale to collectors without regard for the wishes of the dies' owners. An off-metal piece has never been reported with a recipient's name upon it. The medals were probably never awarded, except in silver, especially since Franklin's will specifies that they shall be of that metal.

The reverse die cracked about 1881 and Mitchell engraved a replacement similar to the original. The signature is omitted and the letters on the ribbon are slightly larger, but the design is basically the same. A new obverse die was made


A PLAN of
THE TOWN OF BOSTON,
with
the INTRENCHMENTS &c.
OF
HIS MAJESTYS FORCES in 1775:
from the Observations of
LIEUT. PAGE
of His MAJESTY'S Corps of Engineers;
and from the Plans of other GENTLEMEN.
Engraved & Printed for Wm. FADEN, Charing-Cross,
as the Act directs 1st Octo. 1777.
CHARLESTOWN
Hudson's Point
Barton's Point
MILL POND
North Battery
Hancocks Wharf
Wentworth's Wharf
Minot's I.
Valley Acre
Common Street
Burying Ground
Rowes Field
Windmill Point Battery
THE HARBOUR
all this Part is dry at Low Water
Dry at Low water except in the Mid Channel
NB. Since the evacuation of Boston, a Battery has been erected on Fort-hill of Nine 24 Pounders, Kings Guns & Carriages pointed towards the Harbour. The 13 Inches Mortar thrown over the Wharf by the Kings Troops is now placed on the South Battery.
References to the Lines &c
a Redoubt
b Blockhouse for Cannon
c Six 24 Pounders Two Royals
d Four 9 Pounders
e Six 24 Pounders
f Left Bastion
g Right Bastion
hh Guard Houses
ii Traverses
kk Magazines
ll Abbatis
mmm Trous de Loups
n Blockhouse for Musquetry
o Floating Battery 2 Guns
pp Flechis 1 Sub. and 20 Men
NB. The fortified Front on the Neck was near finished
References to the Town.
A Christ Church
B Old North Meeting
C Anabaptists Meeting
D Faneuil Hall
E Town Hall
F Old Meeting
G Prison & Court House
H Kings Chapel
I Work House
K Granary Public
L Province House (General Gage)
M Old South Meeting (the Riding House)
N Trinity Church
O New South Meeting
P Byles's Meeting
Q West Meeting
1 Gen. Clinton, Hancocks
2 Gen. Burgoyne, Boudoin's
3 Adm. Graves
4 Gen. Howe
Scale of Yards.
880 or Half a Mile.

An association of Franklin Medal Scholars was organized in 1856 for the dedication of the statue of Franklin in front of Boston's Old City Hall. A constitution was adopted and Edward Everett was elected president, but the society was short lived.

The first medals, though dated 1792, were not distributed until January, 1793. John Collins Warren, later an eminent surgeon and founder of Massachusetts General Hospital, was the first on the list of Franklin Medal winners. "We know not how the venerable man regards this distinction among other honors of his brilliant and successful career," wrote Isaac Shepard in the 1849 Boston Almanac, "but we have heard it said...that he looked upon the day he took a Franklin Medal as the proudest day of his life."

The school medals were prized by the recipients, and the system was so highly thought of that other schools adopted similar plans of medal awards. The Cooper Union School in New York awarded a medal to each of its successful graduates over a period of many years in the hope that it would be as "prized and as honorable as the Franklin Medal in Boston, where it was a sure guarantee of success to boys winning it."

Medal Designs

The earliest medals are completely hand engraved on a plain planchet of silver. The obverse of this first Franklin school medal was inscribed "GIFT OF FRANKLIN" and bore the device of crossed pens above an open book. The reverse was dated 1792 and inscribed "ADJUDGED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AS A REWARD OF MERIT TO" above a blank space where the name was to be inscribed. The theory that the open book on the obverse symbolized the reading schools and the crossed pens the writing schools is strengthened by the fact that in the succeeding year, a different design was adopted for use only on the medals awarded in the Latin School.

The early Latin School pieces are also completely engraved. Substituted for the crossed pens and book is a stack of books below the Latin inscription "Detur Digniori" (Let it be given to the most worthy), a motto reminiscent of the "DETUR PULCHRIORI" engraved on the golden apple Paris awarded to Venus. The reverse was only slightly different from the first type, reading "FRANKLIN'S DONATION, ADJUDGED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF BOSTON TO" above the blank space reserved for the name. The books design continued to be used for the Latin School awards for a number of years. The date the school resumed using the regular die is unknown, but it was between 1809 and 1824. As far as can be determined, the Latin School pieces were all totally engraved. The inscription on the reverse varied from that already mentioned to "ADJUDGED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AS A REWARD OF MERIT TO..."

The completely engraved crossed

the subject, the City Medal and the School Festival held in Faneuil Hall were abolished. No City Medals were awarded in 1847.

In 1848, another committee, consisting of Joseph M. Wightman, Sebastian Streeter, and Edward Wigglesworth, was appointed to re-examine the subject of medals. They argued strenuously in favor of a judicious use of the principle of emulation in schools, and on their recommendation the City Medal and the School Festival were restored.

Medals continued to be given in relatively large numbers to pupils in the Boston schools until 1867, when it was decided to limit them to Boston Latin School and English High. In 1892, the Mechanic Arts High School was added and in 1914 the High School of Commerce. The latter was closed in 1955, and since then Franklin Medals have been awarded to boys in Latin and English High Schools, and Boston Technical High (formerly Mechanic Arts).

The number of medals awarded was never fixed. Before the 1860's, one medal was given for every sixty students. As the enrollment grew, so did the number of awards, until the figure reached 266 in 1866. Since then, the School Committee has annually awarded about twenty medals, divided among the schools in proportion to enrollment.

As the number of medals awarded grew in the early nineteenth century, the amount expended in procuring the Franklin and City Medals began to exceed the income from the fund. The balance was paid out of the city treasury until the number of medals given was reduced to the point where the income from the fund could cover their cost. By 1936, the fund income was large enough to pay for only thirteen medals. Twenty-one were awarded, and the schools were asked to cover the balance of the cost. In recent years, interest from the fund has been enough to pay for only a few medals, with the schools paying virtually the entire bill.

A number of old Boston tales are associated with the Franklin Medals, some unquestionable, others apocryphal. One of the more interesting stories is told by Edward Rowe Snow. In December, 1833, a Bermuda fisherman noticed a derelict ship drifting lazily in the current near where he was fishing. He sculled out to the large craft and climbed aboard to find everyone dead. The local authorities towed the ship into Ely's Harbor where they examined it for traces of its identity. Since the vessel had been adrift for many months, almost everything perishable was decayed beyond recognition. The names J. Seaver and N. Seaver were found sewn into some pieces of clothing, but it was a Boston School Medal that finally enabled identification of the merchant ship. The medal, found around the neck of one of the skeletons,read, "Adjudged by the School Committee as a Reward of Merit to Wm. Brown." It was shown to one of the sea captains in port and was later traced back to Boston. The derelict ship was identified as the "Eliza Ann" which has sailed from Boston for Puerto Rico on December 11, 1832. The ship was owned by Mr. James Brown, the father of the unfortunate medal winner.

The list of Franklin Medal scholars is long and contains the names of some prominent Americans. Edward Everett, who won a medal in 1804, went on to become Ambassador to England, President of Harvard University (1845-1849), and Secretary of State under Millard Filmore. Francis Parkman (also 1804) was a well known American historian, and Samuel May (1825) a prominent abolitionist and leader of the temperance movement. Charles Sumner was awarded his medal at Latin School in 1826. Sumner became a United States Senator and is perhaps most famous for being attacked with a cane on the Senate floor in 1856 by Senator Preston Brooks of South Carolina. Charles W. Eliot also received a medal from Boston Latin School, in 1849. Eliot was President of Harvard from 1869 to 1909 and is considered one of the men most responsible for the present system of American higher education. The list also contains the names of people like Charles Hayden (1886) of planetarium fame, Phillips Brooks who wrote the hymn "O, Little Town of Bethlehem," and others too numerous to mention.

Mason street. Established, 1717. **ADAMS SCHOOL.** Erected, 1848. Cost, $20,000.00.

Bedford street. Established, 1647. **LATIN SCHOOL.** Erected, 1844. Cost, $57,510.81.

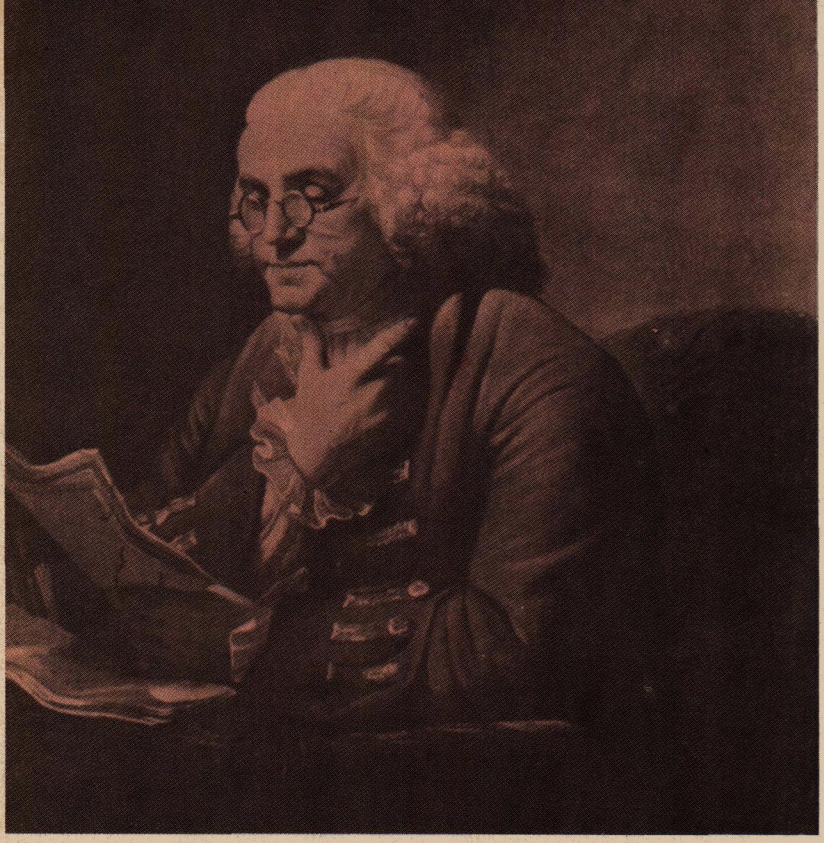
Bedford street. Established, 1821. **ENGLISH HIGH.** Erected, 1844. Cost, see *Latin*.

reading schools, and three to each of the three writing schools."

The following January, the committee established the rules for the award. No boy who had received a medal in one school could be considered a candidate in another, since most boys customarily attended a writing school for one half a day and a reading or grammar school the other half day. Despite this provision, there are numerous cases of boys who won two medals, either through error or by a different interpretation of the rule. Two examples are Benjamin B. Appleton who received medals from the Adams School in 1826 and from Boston Latin School in 1831, and Henry W. Abbot who received medals from the Boylston School and English High in 1832 and 1835, respectively. Twenty of the best boys in the upper class were given an examination, and the medals were bestowed according to the results. The Latin Grammar School medals were "distributed to the three boys who were, in the judgement of the sub-committee, the best scholars in the upper class."

The medals were to be given only to boys, even though the language of the will does not specify the sex of the recipients. It was supposed that Franklin intended the medals for boys since girls were not admitted to the public schools until 1788 — the date of the will. In 1821, the School Committee instituted a special award for girls in the grammar schools called the City Medal. These awards were simply an extension, under another name, of the Franklin Medals and were awarded annually (except 1847) until 1866. The same rules governed the distribution of both, and the medals were of the same intrinsic value. Originally, both medals were awarded on the basis of an examination. Some members of the School Committee felt, however, that the anticipation of such an examination caused undue anxiety. After 1838, an examination was given only to highly qualified students. Schoolmasters chose students for the tests based on a class rank which took into account scholarship, "good conduct, and general deportment."

A committee was appointed in 1847, consisting of George B. Emerson, N.C. Belton, and E.G. Loring, to examine and report on the whole system of awarding medals in the grammar schools. In their report, the committee took strong ground against emulation as a motive in education and recommended abolition of both the Franklin and City Medals. They came down especially hard on the City Medals, saying that "with reference to girls, the influence of medals is...wholly and exceedingly bad. A boy may be prepared by them to struggle more desperately and more successfully in the contest for wealth, distinction and power; but we believe that the love of distinction has no tendency to form in a woman any of those qualities which are her crowning grace and ornament, as a friend, a sister, a daughter, a wife or a mother, and still less to give her the humility and self-forgetfulness which shall prepare her to be a faithful servant of God." After a lengthy discussion of



Franklin died on April 17, 1790, at the age of 85. His executors informed the Boston Selectmen of the terms of the will in a letter soon thereafter. Their letter was read at a legal meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of Boston held on May 25 in Faneuil Hall. A committee was appointed to consider and report "what further votes may be proper to be passed thereon." Their report, read a few days after the meeting, urged the town to gratefully accept the trust. "Every step to carry into full effect his benevolent plan will be cheerfully pursued by those whom he was pleased to constitute his trustees, and rising generations will for ages bless the name of their illustrious friend and benefactor." They also reported "that, in their opinion, the trustees appointed by the Doctor in his last will and testament are thereby fully authorized and empowered to carry his benevolent intentions, in said donations, into execution without any further authorization from the town."

The committee report was adopted and in a letter dated February 1, 1791, the executors notified the Selectmen that they were ready to pay the donations. The money was soon placed in a special "Franklin Medal Fund" which was invested by the City. In addition to providing for the annual purchase of silver medals for meritorious pupils, the fund grew to $1,000 by 1840. Since then, it has been invested in Boston City Bonds at varying interest rates.

On August 21, 1792, the Boston School Committee appointed a sub-committee consisting of William Tudor, Esq., Rev. John Clark, and Mr. Charles Bulfinch, "to ascertain the expense of procuring medals, to carry into effect the intention of the late Dr. Franklin in his donation." In December, the sub-committee reported that there was fund income enough to procure 21 medals "with an inscription and device engraved thereon." They recommended "that, of these medals, three be allowed to the Latin School, three to each of the three

The Boston School Medals have a heritage rivaled by few numismatic series, for their origin traces back to Benjamin Franklin and a time when public education was more an exceptional ideal than a mundane reality. The tradition of awarding the best scholars of Boston's public schools with silver medals began in 1792 and has continued uninterrupted for the past 185 years, and in that time we have seen some of the more than 8,000 winners of the prized medals become prominent American citizens.

Background

To Boston numismatists, the name "Franklin" means more than just his numerous numismatic contributions to coins, paper money, and medals, for it was here that he was born and educated. Franklin mentions his brief education in his autobiography:

> "I was put to the Grammar School at eight years of age; my father intending to devote me as the tythe of his sons to the service of the Church. My early readiness in learning to read, which must have been very early, as I do not remember when I could not read, and the opinion of all his friends, that I should certainly make a good scholar, encouraged him in this purpose of his. My uncle Benjamin, too, approved of it and proposed to give me his short-hand volumes of sermons, to set up with, if I would learn his short hand. I continued, however, at the Grammar School rather less than a year, though in that time I had risen gradually from the middle of the class of that year to be at the head of the same class, and was removed into the next class, whence I was to be placed in the third at the end of the year. But my father, burdened with numerous family, was unable without inconvenience to support the expense of a college education. Considering, moreover, as he said to one of his friends in my presence, the little encouragement that line of life afforded to those educated for it, he gave up his first intentions, took me from the Grammar School, and sent me to a school for writing and arithmetic..."

The Grammar School in which Franklin was placed was the original Classical School of Boston, then located on School Street. The school was founded in 1635 and was the first school in this country's oldest system of public education. It now exists as Latin High School, in a different location.

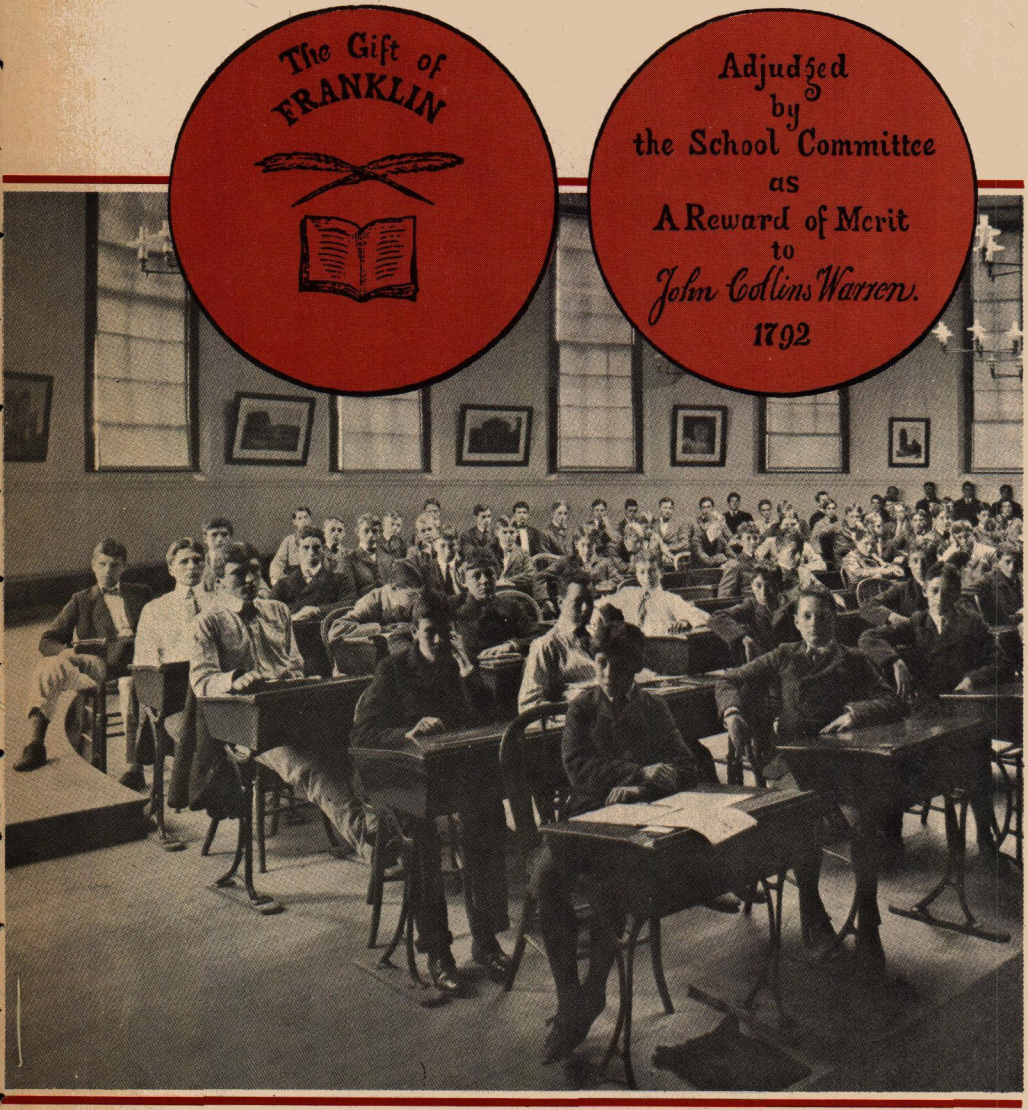
Franklin's education in the Grammar School and the school for teaching arithmetic and writing, from 1714 to 1716, was the only institutionalized education he ever received. He left school with a slender stock of knowledge, but he had acquired an ardent desire for self-improvement which he never lost.

Seventy-two years after the termination of his schooling and just two years before his death, Franklin still felt a warm attachment to his "Native Boston." In his will, dated 1788, he left a legacy which "may be justly regarded...as a memorial of his constant and lifelong affection for the place of his birth," and "rendered him a sort of Patron Saint to Boston school boys to the latest generation." In the will were the following terms:

> "I was born in Boston, New England, and owe my first instructions in literature to the free Grammar Schools established there. I therefore give one hundred pounds sterling to my executors, to be by them, the survivors or survivor of them, paid over to the managers or directors of the free schools in my native town of Boston, to be by them, or those person or persons, who shall have the superintendence and management of the said schools, put out to interest, and so continued at interest forever, which interest annually shall be laid out in silver medals, and given as honorary awards by the directors of the said free schools, for the encouragement of scholarship in the said schools, belonging to said town, in such manner as to the discretion of the Selectmen of said town shall seem meet."

He also bequeathed to the Town of Boston, in a codicil, the sum of £1000 to be loaned to "young married artificers under the age of twenty-five." This later became the Franklin Fund.

The Boston School Medals



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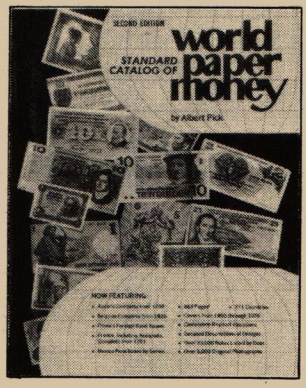

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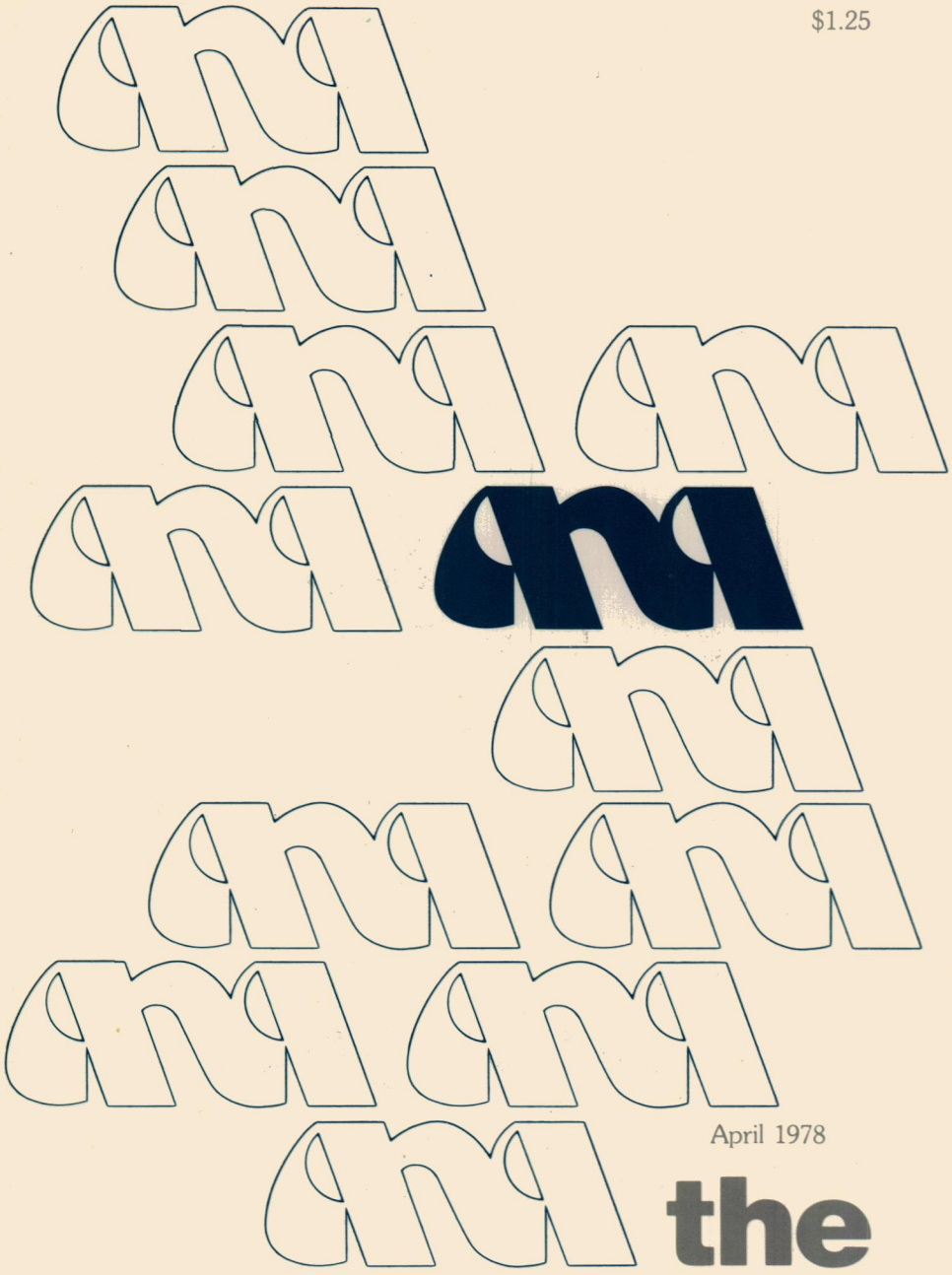

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